



MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, May 12, 2022

San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center Meeting Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call

Present: Bill Beebe
Nancy Brewster
Paul Brosche
Sean Cazares
Kari Janssen
Pamla Johnson
Wally Nikowitz
Frida Korba Sarehraz

Also Present: Denis Bertone, Councilmember
Scott Wasserman, Parks & Recreation Director
Joseph Jones, Parks & Recreation Manager
Dominique Borba, Recreation Supervisor
Orlando Soto, Recreation Coordinator
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant

Absent: Veronica Saucedo, excused

Audience Members: Kathy Amstone
Brandon Moon
Melissa Moon

Recognitions/Presentations: The Commission recognized Paul Brosche for fulfilling his term on the Commission and thanked him for his service.

Oral Communication: NONE

1. Staff Report

A. YWCA Lunch Program

Ms. Borba reported that the YWCA Lunch Program is still operating as a Grab & Go Program on Wednesdays. She stated that staff has been meeting with YWCA representatives to discuss the return of in-person dining. YWCA has indicated that they would possibly offer a phased in-person meal program in late June. Ms. Borba reported the attendance for the following months: March- 125 participants, 3381 meals served; April- 117 participants, 2,667 meals served.

B. Senior Events and Programs



Mr. Soto reported on recent and upcoming Senior Events and Programs. The March and April Senior Dinners were sold out with 96 participants for each month. The Happy Hour/Birthday Social had 15 participants in March and 12 participants in April. Bunco was held in March with 38 participants and in April with 34 participants. He reported that there were 2 seminars held in March: Independent Life and Home Safety and 2 seminars held in April: Retirement and Social Security and Exercise.

Upcoming seminars scheduled at the San Dimas Senior Center include: Retirement Benefits on May 24, Fire Safety on June 24, and Long-Term Care on July 5. Upcoming Senior Events include: Happy Hour & Birthday Socials on June 9 and July 14; Monthly Dinners on June 17 and July 8; Bunco on June 23 and August 25.

Ms. Rode reported on recent Adult Excursions, LA Now & Then on March 24 with 50 participants and Sherman Library & Garden on April 28 with 45 participants. Upcoming Adult Excursions are: Dana Point and San Clemente on May 14 and the Academy Museum of Motion pictures on June 24 and June 27.

Ms. Borba announced that the Senior Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held on May 26 and invited members of the Commission to attend.

Ms. Borba highlighted recent Department Special Events: City Olympics, Family Festival, Students in Government and Arbor & Earth Day.

Mr. Soto reported on Upcoming Department Special Events: Family Campouts on June 10- June 11 and July 29-30; Music and Movies in the Park on Wednesdays June 15-August 3; National Night Out on August 2; and City Birthday on August 6.

2. Approval of Minutes March 3, 2021 Meeting

COMMISSIONER BROSCHE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2022 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. New Business

A. Future Resource/ Financial Literacy Seminar Topics

Mr. Soto stated that staff is currently working with Commissioner Nikowitz on scheduling new seminars and developing new curriculum.

Ms. Borba suggested the Commission provide ideas and input for future seminars.

B. Future Capital Improvement Projects

Commissioner Nikowitz stated that at the March meeting, the Commission discussed their suggestions for Capital Improvement projects for the FY22-23 budget. The recommendations to council were: renovating the Senior Center Quiet Lounge and the Art Room.



Councilmember Bertone stated that based on the Senior Commission recommendation, those two items were approved by Council for the FY22-23 budget.

Commissioner Nikowitz asked the Commission to begin researching Capital Improvement projects for the FY23-24 budget and those ideas will be discussed at future meetings.

C. Older American Month

Ms. Borba reported that May is Older American month and Ed Wolfe, San Dimas 2022 Older American, was recognized by City Council at the May 10 meeting.

D. Senior Services Strategic Plan

1. **Senior Sports-** Mr. Soto presented the Senior Sports Program Action Plan. The goal is to enhance senior lifestyle by creating a variety of sports programs for seniors 55+. The action plan included a timeline of different sports programs which were identified through the Senior Services Strategic Planning meetings and surveys.
2. **Marketing-** Mr. Soto stated that part of the marketing plan for the Senior Sports program will be to provide promotional materials and in-person outreach to the Senior Housing Communities and also utilize community partners. This will be in conjunction with publicizing the programs in the Silver Times, the Recreation Guide and on Social Media.

5. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

Ms. Borba reported that the total account balance as of 4/30/22 is \$13,624.60.

5. Continued Items: NONE

6. Written Communication: NONE

7. Future Agenda Items: NONE

8. Report of Members:

A. Chair Report

Commissioner Nikowitz stated that since the last meeting, he has joined the Senior Club and volunteered at Bingo. He thanked members of the Commission for completing the Brown Act training. He also stated that this would be Councilmember Bertone's last meeting since he is retiring after 34 years on City Council. He thanked Councilmember Bertone for his service and the impact he has made in San Dimas.

B. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Beebe suggested marketing senior programs in senior housing newsletters.

Commissioner Sarehraz stated that she serves on the Senior Club Scholarship Committee. She reported that this year, the Senior Club awarded \$9,000 in scholarships to 7 students. She stated that she continues to volunteer at senior events.



Commissioner Brosche stated that he was recommended to the Commission 6 years ago by Ed Wolfe. He stated that he has enjoyed his time on the Commission and thanked the Commission, staff and Councilmember Bertone for their dedication to seniors. He added one thing he would like to see is an interactive website for seniors.

Commissioner Janssen stated that possibly the San Dimas Go Gov app could accommodate interactive marketing. She stated that she will be working as a Senior Specialist to assist seniors as well as offering assistance with senior housing placement.

Commissioner Johnson reported that Senior Club held a Community Yard Sale which made \$400. The Senior Club also donated leftover items to the Senior Center and Pet Rescue. She stated that she is on the City Birthday Committee and they are looking for volunteers.

Commissioner Brewster stated that she has been volunteering at various senior events as well as attending programs and events at the Senior Center. She stated she is looking forward to getting more involved when she retires in September.

Commissioner Cazares stated that he attended the Council Meeting honoring Ed Wolfe. He stated that he attended the Downtown Specific Plan Meeting and encouraged the Commission to visit the website: sandimasdowntownplan.mindmixer.com if they are interested in getting involved with planning and improving the downtown area. He highlighted the following upcoming events: Classic Cruise Night on the 1st Friday each month; Tree Planting at Horsethief Park on June 4; San Dimas Sheriff's Booster Car Show on July 31; and City Birthday on August 6.

C. Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Bertone reported that the City election is coming up on June 7. He stated that although San Dimas is now district voting, all residents can vote for Mayor.

Councilmember Bertone reported Bonita Avenue at Cataract Avenue will be closed June-August due to the Gold Line construction.

Councilmember Bertone thanked the Commissioners for their service to the community.

In closing, Ms. Borba and Mr. Wasserman, recognized Councilmember Bertone. They thanked him on behalf of staff, for his 34 years of dedicated service to the City of San Dimas.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Next meeting for the Senior Commission will be July 8, 2022.

Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant