

MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, March 2, 2023

San Dimas Senior Citizen/Community Center Meeting Room

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

Roll Call

Present: Wally Nikowitz, Chairperson
Pamla Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Bill Beebe
Nancy Brewster
Sean Cazares
Kari Janssen

Also Present: Emmet Badar, Mayor
John Ebner, Mayor Pro Tem
Joseph Jones, Parks & Recreation Manager
Dominique Borba, Recreation Supervisor
Orlando Soto, Recreation Coordinator
Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant

Absent: Frida Kobra Sarehraz

Audience Members: Maddie Genovese and Kathy Amstone residents of Charter Oak Mobile Home Estates.

Recognitions/Presentations: NONE

Oral Communication: NONE

1. Staff Report

A. YWCA Lunch Program

Mr. Soto reported that in January, the YWCA Lunch Program provided 2,806 to 162 participants and in February they provided 3,116 meals to 150 participants.

B. Senior Events and Programs

Mr. Soto reported on recent and upcoming Senior Events and Programs. He reported that the two Social Security and Tax Strategies seminars offered in February were very well attended with over 60 participants each. He stated that a two-part Advanced Tax Planning seminar will also be offered in March.

C. Recreation Division Report

Mr. Soto shared the Recreation Division Report with the Commission.



2. Approval of Minutes January 5, 2023 Meeting

COMMISSIONER BEEBE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 5, 2023 MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SARAHRAZ AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. New Business

A. Future Resource/Financial Seminar Topics

Chairperson Nikowitz stated that bestselling author, Brian Vosberg presented two Social Security and Tax Strategies seminars in February. He provided important information and the seminars were well attended.

Mr. Soto added that additional upcoming seminars are: Home Buying and Selling, Right-Sizing, Sensational Organizing and Gaudy Law.

Commissioner Brewster suggested that Chair Nikowitz conduct a seminar outlining ways seniors can save money.

B. Future Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Jones reported that the Art Room renovation has been moved to the 23-24 budget.

Mr. Jones shared the Capital Improvement Projects FY 2023-24 information which was presented previously at the Parks and Recreation Meeting on February 22, 2023.

Chair Nikowitz stated that he would like to see the Recreation Center replace all of the Weight Room equipment. He stated he would also like to see the Silver Sneakers program advertised more.

C. Senior Services Strategic Plan

No Discussion

D. Travel Club

Commissioner Brewster stated she would be interested in a travel club.

Ms. Borba stated that a club would start with an interest list and then the club would need a committed volunteer to lead the group.

E. Older American Nominations

The Commission reviewed seven Older American nominations, three of the nominations were for Carolyn Gomm. Commissioner Brewster stated that she would like to decline her nomination.

COMMISSIONER CAZARES MOTIONED TO APPROVE CAROLYN GOMM AS 2023 SAN DIMAS OLDER AMERICAN HONOREE, SECONDED BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON JOHNSON

4. Senior Citizen Commission Foundation

A. Foundation Treasury Report

The Commission Foundation Financial Statement showed the total account balance as \$13,685.69

5. Continued Items:



A. Senior Foundation Purchase Update

Mr. Soto reported that the storage cabinets have been installed. The dart cabinet didn't come with a board, so that will be ordered separately. The cornhole games are at the Senior Center and are ready to use.

B. Art Room Project Update

Mr. Jones provided an Art Room update during Future Capital Improvement Projects.

6. Written Communication: NONE

7. Future Agenda Items:

Commissioner Cazares asked if the following pending Senate bills could be discussed as Future Agenda Items: SB-17 Senior Housing, SB-20 Joint Powers Agreements, and SB-37 Tenancy.

COMMISSIONER CAZARES MOTIONED FOR DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILLS SB-17 SENIOR HOUSING, SB 20 JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS, AND SB-17 TENANCY FOR A FUTURE AGENDA ITEM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JANSSEN .

8. Report of Members:

A. Chair Report

Chair Nikowitz reported that City Council held a study session to discuss City commissions and committees. Chair Nikowitz stated that Commissioner Cazares attended the session and asked him to report.

Commissioner Cazares stated that Council has not yet voted, but key points were: shorter terms for Commissioners, all Commissions be reduced to 5 members; and all Commissioners be registered voters.

B. Commissioner Reports

Vice-Chair Johnson stated that she would prefer the Senior Commission to continue to have a City Council Liaison and thinks the Senior Commission should not be changed to 5 members.

Vice-Chair Johnson reported that the Senior Club Yard Sale has been cancelled. She stated that the alternative location of Civic Center Park was not acceptable to the vendors.

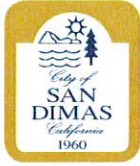
Commissioner Brewster stated that she is happy about the upcoming seminars.

Commissioner Janssen stated that she agrees with Vice-Chair Johnson regarding keeping City Council Liaisons for City Commissions.

Commissioner Janssen stated that she will reach out to her network partners to see if they have any services to assist seniors.

Commissioner Cazares stated that he is in favor of keeping the City Commissions at 9 members and keeping term lengths the same.

Commissioner Cazares reported that he attended the inauguration of Senator Susan Rubio. Commissioner Cazares reported on upcoming Historical Society events, upcoming



Chamber of Commerce events and CA State Legislative updates.

Commissioner Beebe reported that Cienega Valley Estates Mobile Home Park is changing from an all senior community to all age community.

C. Council Liaison Report: NONE

Currently there is no Council Liaison assigned to the Senior Commission.

However, Mayor Badar and Mayor Pro Tem Ebner were in attendance. They reported on the Council Study Session that was held to discuss City Commissions. They announced that there would be another Study Session on March 14th to finalize the decisions concerning the Commissions.

Mayor Pro Tem Ebner also reported that Council authorized LACADA to provide additional days to assist homeless individuals. The LACADA team will be in San Dimas on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.

Next meeting for the Senior Commission will be May 4, 2023

Paige Rode, Departmental Assistant