

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019 AT 12:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Elenes at 12:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Gibson led those assembled in the salute to the flag and the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Elenes
Vice-Chairperson: Ortiz
Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson, & Zambrano

Absent: None.

Staff: Senior Center Supervisor Ann Berroteran
Senior Office Specialist Lisa Macias
Senior Recreation Leader Patricia Perez

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019. Commissioner Barragan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REVIEW OF THE SENIOR
CENTER DINNER AND GAME
NIGHT EVENT**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported on the first dinner & game night event at the Senior Center. There were about fifty people in attendance. Dinner consisted of spaghetti, salad, and tiramisu from Il Saggio Italian Restaurant in the City of Commerce. Attendees played The Price is Right and Bingo. Everyone had a very fun time and there were lots of laughs. Also many prizes were given out. Since the event was such a success Supervisor Berroteran would like to make this a bi-monthly event, but with a more affordable meal.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported this month the Center is finishing up the diabetes workshop with two workshops left. There has been very good attendance. There will be a free blood pressure and glucose screening event today conducted by AltaMed. April 17 is staff member Ramona's babyshower and all are invited to attend. It's at 10:30 a.m. April 18 – May 20 Supervisor Berroteran will be off because she will be getting surgery on her knee.

April 11 is the California Science Center excursion. The group will be going to Grand Market Place after the Science Center to eat. April 19 is Good Friday. The Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. and LA county will be serving lunch.

April 25 High Tea event at the Center with watercolor painting. This event is from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and participants are encouraged to come in tea party themed attire. May 3 will be the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Center. There will be a taco plate available for purchase as well as live entertainment. The Jaguar Band will be playing live music. The salsa contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the lunch at 11:00 a.m. This event will end at 3:00 p.m. May 10 LA County will be providing entertainment.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zambrano reported that he did not attend the dinner & game night but he has heard nothing but positive comments on it. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it. He feels that Ann and staff do a great job with bringing in the workshops like the diabetes one they have been having. He also wanted to commend Ed Cruz, the liaison for the Commerce Golf Association. Ed works very hard to get their tournaments organized and in order. He is a volunteer for the Sports Division and always puts in a lot of work for the golf program. Commissioner Zambrano suggested we present Mr. Cruz with a letter of appreciation.

Commissioner Gibson reported that there had been many Exide vehicles around the streets where she lives. She was having difficulty getting in and out of her driveway most of the time and would love to see more CSO's out by her home patrolling, especially on weekends.

Chairperson Barragan reported that she attended the dinner & game night. It was a great event and she loved the tiramisu cake. She congratulated all the staff for putting on this great event. Today she attended the blood pressure and glucose screening and appreciates these programs for the Seniors.

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz reported that he feels it is sad when he sees vehicles in Commerce not pulling to the side of the road to make way for emergency vehicles. He has been seeing many vehicles ignore this rule. He feels it would stop if Sheriff would come out and give citations to the violators.

Chairperson Elenes reported that one of his neighbors has a lot of visible junk in their yard. They have lots of weeds and garbage and it looks terrible. He mentioned about a city bus driver who has been dropping off the Seniors from excursions and is stopping too far away from the curb for them to step down safely. He's worried about the Seniors not being able to step off safely. He feels this driver does not drive very well.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.