

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016 AT 12:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Chairperson Espinoza led those assembled in the salute to the flag and the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chairperson Espinoza
Vice Chairperson Elenes
Barragan, Gibson and Ortiz

Absent:

Staff: Director Lipton
Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran
Office Specialist Moran

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Nezahualcoyotl who resides at 2553 Fidelia Ave, Commerce, CA 90040 approved with the Commission with concerns related to the elevator up at Camp Commerce. She expressed that the elevator had to be fixed. She also was in support of a trip up north, she was in support of an overnight bus trip. She said she is willing to pay for room and board and would like to know costs.

**APPEARANCES AND
PRESENTATIONS**

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gibson motioned to approved the minutes of July 6, 2016. Chairperson Espinoza seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The Commission received a report by Transportation Representative David Alaniz. There is a 220 mile limit to a trip within 1 day. Overnight trips are currently not offered. This needs to be approved by City Council. A request must be submitted to the Director, then to City Council by way of agenda item. The groups may be responsible to the expenses of the bus driver. Hours a bus driver can drive is an important factor. There is a 501.2 driver limit. Bus drivers may only work 14 hours per day. Recommended a charger bus for such trips.

Director Lipton. Mr. Lipton will place this item on the next agenda. This will only include City level trips, not club level trips.

SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING REPORT

The Commission received a report by Senior Center staff member Pat Perez. The center will prepare seniors for the holidays by providing a shopping excursion on December 1, 2016 followed by a variety of other trips. The New Year's Eve Dance is scheduled for December 30 from 4-8 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Staff Member Pat Perez reported on the Senior Center's upcoming trips and activities. Beginning with a 12 week session Balancing Class. This class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 12-2 p.m. Flu Shots will be available at the Senior Center on September 14, 2016 beginning at 9:00 p.m. There is a trip scheduled to the Bower Museum. The seniors will go to the Los Angeles County Fair on September 21 from 12-6. Seniors 65 years of age and older have free admission.

National Night Out was well attended. The CSO joined in singing Karaoke. The seniors loved the CSO singer and want him back.

Director Lipton reported that he went to Camp Commerce with staff to evaluate what needs to be fixed. They will be checking on weekly inspections. Staff will be looking at rebuilding the unit. Staff is currently driving seniors around and allowing them into the kitchen through the back door. This avoids stairs for seniors.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Ortiz reported on traffic complaints on the southbound side toward the freeway and stated that during the holidays, it's going to get worse. In an emergency, emergency personnel will not be able to get through. People who get tickets for those who don't allow emergency personnel to go through.

Commissioner Barragan reported on the National Night Out. She was proud of the staff and people in attendance. It was very well attended.

Commissioner Gibson reported people parking on red curbs on Astor and Kinsie. The bus is unable to pick up passengers or go beyond the stop. This occurs in the mornings and on trash days.

Vice Chairperson Elenes reported on the Luau, he reported it was a nice show. He attended the National Night Out. He visited the home behind Stevens Steak House. He said they have the best food. The carnitas are so good! It was very well attended. Mr. Elenes also reported that people who live on Agra Street are placing their trash cans out too early and would like to inform Code Enforcement about this situation.

Chairperson Espinoza reported that he couldn't get out much as he needed to replace his water heaters and avoid cold showers. He heard the Luau was well attended. Everything is going well. People are not stopping at the stop sign on Jillson and Commerce Way.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.