

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 AT 12:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
AND INVOCATION**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Vice Chairperson: Elenes

Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson & Ortiz

Absent: None

Staff: Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran  
Senior Office Specialist Macias

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPEARANCES AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Barragan motioned to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**OLDER AMERICAN  
RECOGNITION AWARD  
UPDATE**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that fellow Senior Center patron Sharon Rowe has been nominated and selected for this special award. Ms. Rowe will be honored at The Annual Older American Recognition Dinner which will be held in Downtown LA on May 31.

**SENIOR CENTER GYM  
EQUIPMENT**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that the rowing machine needs to be replaced because it is very outdated. She is hoping to purchase one that is lighter and one that can be folded to be put away easily to save space. She is recommending to also purchase an elliptical machine or a treadmill.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION  
TO THE MAYOR AND THE  
COMMERCE HOTEL AND  
CASINO**

Senior Office Specialist Macias read the letter out loud. All Commissioners approved and signed the letter.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION  
TO THE DOUBLETREE  
HOTEL

Senior Office Specialist Macias read the letter out loud. All Commissioners approved and signed the letter.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that this Friday is the Cinco de Mayo lunch. There will be a salsa contest and judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. Food will start to be served at 11:00 a.m. and the cost is \$7 for residents and \$9 for non-residents. A live band, The Jaguar Band, will entertain. Next week on Tuesday, there will be a Mother's Day craft that is now sold out. It is important to show up to these programs on time as it is hard on the teachers to keep a good flow of the class when they have to re-teach the steps. Wednesday, HSA will provide entertainment and a Mother's Day lunch. Please sign up with Terry. This Sunday there is a trip to the Opera to see Tosca. Trip attendees will be taken to San Antonio Winery to eat first and then attend the Opera. May 11 there is a trip to The Broad Museum and then The Grove. May 25 there is a trip to Will Rogers State Park for a hike and lunch. \$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. June 8 there is a trip to Redondo Beach for an exercise class and Farmer's Market lunch. June 20 there is a trip to Descanso Gardens. July 18 there is a trip to Peterson Automotive Museum. July 28 there is a trip to the Orange County Fair. August 3 trip to the Anaheim Packing District with lots of places to eat. August 16 trip to Del Mar Race Track. Register at the Senior Center office. Senior Center staff will have a baby shower for Recreation Leader Andrea Grajeda. The baby shower will be during the Senior Club meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Today, Scan Insurance came in to do a presentation on "How to Make the Most of a Doctor's Appointment." They will be back next month to do a presentation on "How to Pick a Healthcare Provider." They are very good presentations. Also today we celebrated Connie Ochoa's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Her family surprised her and brought her a cake and raffle prizes. The Mayor presented her with a nice framed Happy Birthday certificate.

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Barragan reported that she participated in the Easter craft hosted by the Doubletree Hotel staff. She really enjoyed making the craft and the cookies that were provided. She also attended the Mayor's Breakfast and enjoyed the event. She will enter a salsa for the contest this Friday.

Commissioner Ortiz reported that he is noticing that many people have been walking in the streets instead the sidewalks and it is dangerous. He would like the Seniors to be reminded at the next club meeting to make sure to use sidewalks.

Commissioner Gibson reported that Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran and Senior Recreation Leader Pat Perez are always doing a wonderful job. She would like to remind people to please go to Ann and the Senior Center staff with their problems first

before taking their complaints to the Commission Meetings. This will give Ann and the staff the opportunity to address their issues first and, in most cases, to be solved. If for some reason their issue is still not resolved then it is recommended to go to the Senior Citizens Commission. She would also like to praise the staff for their quick thinking and problem solving skills. Recently a van broke down on the way to dropping off people at their homes. Arrangements were made right away to pick up the stranded passengers and take them home. She would like a Letter of Appreciation to be drafted for Mayor Pro Tem Tina Del Rio and Councilmember Lela Leon for coming to the Senior Center and handing out gifts for Easter. They passed out certificates for people to receive a free breakfast.

Vice Chairperson Elenes reported that he attended the Cinco de Mayo Celebration at Bristow Park and it was very nice. He enjoyed the mariachi and the other band. They were playing very good dancing music. He was not happy that there was a special area for the City Council, but no Commissioners were allowed to enter the area to grab a bottle of water. He said Commissioners were able to get water bottles before and he would like to know why that has changed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.