

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017 AT 12:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Elenes at 12:36 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

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

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairperson: Elenes

Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson & Ortiz

Absent: None

Staff: Director of Parks & Recreation Lipton
Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran
Senior Office Specialist Macias
Senior Recreation Leader Pat Perez

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Demetrio Olmedo voiced his concern with the volunteers at the Senior Center. He feels they should be Commerce Residents. He feels non-resident volunteers should be given opportunities after resident volunteers.

Ms. Gloria Nezahualcoyotl stated that several years ago she asked to become a volunteer and was not accepted. She was told that she would have to apply and get her fingerprints taken. She feels that there is picking and choosing going on.

She would like clarification on who can join the Senior Citizen Softball Team.

She would also like to know what the guidelines are for bringing a personal assistant to Camp Commerce.

**APPEARANCES AND
PRESENTATIONS**

None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gibson motioned to approve the minutes of June 7, 2017. Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TEMPORARY USAGE OF
SENIOR CENTER AS A
RESULT OF VETERANS
PARK FACILITY CLOSURE**

Parks and Recreation Lipton reported that there has been a need for non-Senior programs to use the facility. This will be temporary because the Veterans Park Facility has been closed indefinitely and there is a need for some programs to be relocated. Competitive dance has been one program that has needed to relocate and they will be using the Senior Center temporarily. However, Senior programs at the Senior Center will remain a priority and will not be affected.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION
TO COUNCILMEMBER IVAN
ALTAMIRANO 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 COMMERCE HOTEL
AND CASINO**

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STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that July 14 is the Summer blowout party. This is our luau party and you must purchase a ticket for entry in advance. There will be a live band and Hawaiian dancers for entertainment. There will raffle prizes, luau style lunch, and dessert. The party will start at 11:30 am and end at 2 p.m.

August 1 is National Night Out. Community Services staff will come out to speak about community safety issues and events.

July 18 the trip to the Peterson Automotive Museum has been canceled due to low enrollment.

July 28 is a trip to Orange County Fair

August 3 is a trip to the Anaheim Packing District. It is a multi-level foodie haven. The group will then go to the Orange Circle to look at antiques.

August 16 is a trip to Del Mar Race Track

Summer Dates for Camp Commerce for Seniors are June 23-25 weekend, July 21 day, August 4-6 weekend, and August 25 day.

Programs at the Senior Center are open to all people 50 years of age or older. This is because of the free lunch program. As long as residents are not displaced, all are welcome. The City does not require volunteers to be residents. It is better to have everyone welcome as it also helps with keeping programs open since there is good enrollment.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Barragan reported that she attended the 4th of July Carnival and it was a beautiful event. She enjoyed the music, food, and dancers. She mentioned a Senior mentioned to her that she attends St. Marcellinus and the air conditioning in the church is not working.

Commissioner Gibson reported that Ann and the Senior Center staff have always been good to the Seniors. They have always accommodated Commerce residents first. She also mentioned that the breakfast with the Casino is very good and she has always enjoyed it. The Casino does a lot for the Seniors and she hopes they appreciate it.

Commissioner Ortiz reported that traffic seems to be getting worse. There are always people trying to change lanes at the last minute to get to the Citadel. He thanked his fellow Commissioners and staff for the opportunity he has had as a Commissioner. He hopes he can be kept on longer.

Commissioner Gibson suggested Commissioner Ortiz attend the task force meetings to voice his concerns. They are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Elenes reported that he also attended the 4th of July Carnival and he had a good time. He felt the music was a little too loud. He really enjoyed the Folklorico performance and though it was beautiful. He thanked Commissioner Ortiz for all he has done for the Commission and enjoyed having him as a fellow commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.