

**UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**  
**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 AT 12:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Elenes at 12:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
AND INVOCATION**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Vice Chairperson: Elenes

Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson, Ortiz, & Zambrano

Absent:

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

**REORGANIZATION**

Vice-Chairperson Raul Elenes was nominated by Commissioner Zambrano to be Chairperson. The vote was unanimous to name Raul Elenes to Chairperson.  
Chairperson Elenes nominated Commissioner Alexander Ortiz to be Vice-Chairperson. The vote was unanimous to name Alexander Ortiz to Vice-Chairperson.

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commerce resident Gloria Nezahualcoyotl requested an ad-hoc committee be formed to go over club by-laws. She feels they should all be the same across the board between all three clubs and they should also be in writing. She feels this will put order and avoid conflicts.

Ms. Nezahualcoyotl also mentioned that the Camp Commerce staff does their very best to assist Seniors at Camp and they should be commended. She suggested that it would be helpful if they could take a class to learn how to assist people who are physically disabled.

**APPEARANCES AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Ortiz motioned to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017. Commissioner Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## MEDI-VAN POLICY

Commissioner Zambrano reported that drivers are now asking passengers what time their doctors appointments are over so they can be picked up at that time. Commissioner Zambrano said it is sometimes difficult to predict what time a doctor's appointment will be over. Transit Supervisor Sergio Castro reported that the process was changed about two and a half years ago when passengers were complaining that they were waiting too long to be picked up. The process now is to make one appointment for the initial pick up and one appointment for the return pickup. This helps Transportation keep better track of schedules and therefore keep better control of the system. This also allows for patrons to have the power to change their return pickup times. The return appointment times are not set in stone. It only takes a quick phone call to change a return pick up time. What Transportation would like is an estimation of when they plan on coming out of their appointments. But Transportation will always accommodate return pick up times because they are sometimes unpredictable. However, initial pick up times are strictly adhered to and this is because there are other appointments for pick up that have already been scheduled accordingly.

## STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran made clear that we have zero jurisdiction, authority, or control over what civic organization clubs do. They are independent from the City.

15 people attended the healthy tortilla class last week. The group will be taking a trip tomorrow to Walmart in La Habra to buy healthy tortillas. They will also visit and tour the new Northgate super market that has a new juice bar, taco bar, guacamole bar, salsa bar and a coffee bar.

The Senior Center will be hosting Monday night football series. Every Monday night they will remain open until 9 p.m. to watch the Monday night games. Next Monday will be the Saints vs. Vikings and they will only be watching the first game.

13<sup>th</sup> of September is the LA County Regional food bank. On this day Walgreens will also be sponsoring free flu shots from 9:30 – 12 p.m. Please bring your insurance cards. However, you can also receive a flu shot even if you may not have insurance.

14<sup>th</sup> of September is a trip to the Nixon Library in Yorba Linda. Participants will tour the library. It is \$14 for the entrance fee and tour. After they may be going to the Brea Mall to eat and shop.

8<sup>th</sup> of September is Monday night football.

19<sup>th</sup> of September is a trip to Balboa Park in San Diego. They will tour the Japanese museum which is an outdoor museum with beautiful flower and plant fields. Some areas of the museum are free, or \$5 to \$7 dollars. Pack a lunch for a picnic afterwards.

28<sup>th</sup> of September is the end of summer Burger Bash. Social Burgers will be there serving food. It is \$7 for residents and \$10 for non residents. Sign up in advance. There will also be drinks and dessert and karaoke.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> is a trip to Glen Ivy Hot Springs. Book any appointments prior to 2 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> of October Scan Health Insurance will provide a presentation on fall prevention.  
11<sup>th</sup> of October is the food bank  
31<sup>st</sup> of October is the Halloween Dance from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Come dressed in a costume to participate in the costume contest.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Barragan had no report. She just came back from Hawaii.

Commissioner Ortiz mentioned that it is unfortunate that Wade Downing is ill. It is also unfortunate that people are complaining that he is still coming around even though he no longer lives in the city. He is only living outside the city because of health reasons. He doesn't appreciate that individual making this complaint.

Commissioner Zambrano asked about the city's golf program. He said individuals have been asking him if the resident rate will be coming back. He would like to also know what the possibility is for the Seniors to get a price break and if there is a quota for how many residents can go.

Commissioner Gibson had no report.

Vice Chairperson Elenes reported that he is taking a trip to Palm Springs tomorrow. He also wanted to know when the TV in the pool room is going to be connected.

Supervisor Berroteran said that Spectrum technicians will be coming in this week to run all new cables.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.