

**UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**  
**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 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 Mary 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:

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

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPEARANCES AND  
PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gibson motioned to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017. Vice-Chairperson Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Trip Planning Report**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported there have been some issues with the senior club trips. Javier Hernandez is the trip Chairperson for the Senior Club and Auld Lang Syne Club and he has recently resigned due to a conflict of interest. The club presidents have picked up the club planning. The trips for those two clubs have been planned for December. There is an election coming up within the next three months for the clubs and new officers will need to be nominated. Her plan is for the clubs to get back in order with full boards and an assigned trip chairperson. This should be situated by January. She will hold a meeting with the new trip chairpersons of the 3 clubs plan for trips for six months. Everyone will need to come in to the meeting with the dates, place and times of their trips. This way there will not be any

confusion or conflicting dates for trips. This is how it was done when she was first hired 24 years ago up until about 8 or 9 years ago. It was not continued because the clubs were just so independent and doing great. The clubs each need to have a membership of 51% residents. The elected board consists of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer who need to be residents. Each club can appoint a trip chairperson. The trip chairperson can be anybody and does not need to be a resident. Most clubs also appoint a sunshine chairperson that keeps tabs on the health and wellness of their members. These are the current rules and it is up to the clubs and their new board to change them. She will help in any way she can. She knows the club trips mean a lot to the seniors. Mr. Zambrano asked what happens if a club does not have enough members. Supervisor Berroteran said the club would be dissolved.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that there have been big changes this week. Thursday of last month she was notified the Senior division will no longer be in charge of the senior shuttle van. It is being taken over by the Transportation Department. She knew this change was in the works however she did not know it was going to start this past Monday. The division lost two key staff; Melinda Logan and Lois Vasquez who have been transferred to the Transportation Department. They are training to be certified bus drivers. The Senior division is proud of them and they wish them the best of luck. This week the Seniors have had to call transportation rather than the Senior Center to schedule their shuttle rides, however, the Senior Center is still helping with the transition. Staffing at the Center is tight right now but they will still get the job done. They have hired Ramona. Andrea, who had her baby recently, will be back in January.

The Center is busy getting ready for Halloween activities. The Halloween Dance is coming up on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30-3:30. There will be a live band playing, a costume contest, and lots of raffles.

Next week is our fall cooking class. We are making bacon cheddar apple cheese sandwiches and tomato bisque.

There is a trip to the Huntington Park Farmers Market and Golden Corral on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The bus is almost full.

Yesterday there was a trip to Glen Ivy Hot Springs with a good turnout. The attendees have asked to go again in May.

There was an incident in the morning in which a Senior with a diagnosis of dementia went missing for a while. His family called the Senior Center trying to locate him. Fortunately he was found without further incident. Supervisor Berroteran reiterated the importance of having current emergency information and contacts on file with the Center.

November 12<sup>th</sup> is a trip to go see a play of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer at the Downey Theater. Attendees will have a chance to

have lunch at one of the nearby eateries before the show. The bus will depart the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be a trip to the Ontario Mills Shopping Complex. Taco night and Burger Bash had very good turnouts and were great events.

Assistant Director Marquez informed everyone about the upcoming Clippers Community Night on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioners will receive a complimentary ticket and can register for the bus. Extra tickets will cost \$15 each.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Zambrano attended the Camp Commerce Fitness Weekend. Some Seniors were in attendance. It was a great weekend and the exercise activities were also great.

Commissioner Gibson mentioned that she felt the Burger Bash was one of the best the Center has had. The food and music were very good and it was a great turnout. She commended the Senior staff for always being very helpful. She would really like to see the main entrance to city hall moved back to the old entrance. She feels it looks better. She would like to also see if flyers can be made for the Task Force. She would like to see the community get involved again with the task force as they did in the past.

Commissioner Barragan attended the Glen Ivy Hot Springs trip and it was a very nice trip. Today she went to register for shuttle service at the Transportation Department. They were very helpful.

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz reported that the traffic on Garfield Avenue is pretty terrible. The streets are in very poor condition. There are many potholes and it can be very dangerous. He was also sorry to hear about the Los Angeles Police Officer who had a drunk driving charge brought against him for an accident in which a family died. If it is true, the office should have known better.

Chairperson Elenes attended the Taco Night and the Burger Bash. He really enjoyed them and they were great events. He thanked all the staff for everything they do.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.