

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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**

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

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Elenes
Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson, & Zambrano

Absent: Ortiz

Staff: Director of Parks & Recreation Lipton
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 Barragan motioned to approve the minutes of October 4, 2017. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Golf Tournament Senior
Discount**

Director Lipton discussed there are about 20 to 30 senior golfers that live in the city of commerce. The city already obtains a group discount for golfers participating in the city golf tournament excursions. Years ago, before about 2008, we had senior discounts for these golfers. Commissioner Zambrano recommended that the city reinstate the senior discount. Director Lipton said he would need to take this recommendation to the City Council. The Commission motioned and approved for the Parks & Recreation Department to present to the City Council the Senior Citizen Commission's recommendation of providing a twenty percent Senior discount to senior golfers who are residents attending the city golf tournament excursions.

Excursion Registration

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran discussed the minor changes to the excursion registrations. When there is a trip the staff submits a request for transportation. If there are not at least 20 people

registered for a trip, the trip must be canceled because transportation will not transport less than 20 people to an excursion. She has recently canceled four trips. Before, the Senior Center had a van so trips with low enrollment were still able to go, however at this time the Senior Center does not have a van. All transportation is now being managed by the Transportation Department and their policy for scheduling a bus driver is to have at least 20 people registered for a trip. If she will need to cancel trips as much as she has, she will have to cut back on staff hosted trips in the future.

Transportation Reorganization

As of October 1st, the Senior Center staff no longer oversees transportation for seniors to and from the center or for errands. The Transportation Department has now taken this over. Recreation Leaders Loida Vasquez and Melinda Logan have now been assigned to the Transportation Department and are receiving training to become bus operators. They have until the end of December to determine whether they will stay with the Transportation Department or return to their positions at the Senior Center. Small group trips will resume when the center gets their new shuttle in a few months.

STAFF REPORTS

Supervisor Berroteran was very sad to announce that Wade Downing passed away this past Friday. Wade was a very active member of our Senior Center. He was always involved and enjoyed participating in Senior events and planning trips. He fought until the end and lived his life and he will be missed. The family will be having a Celebration of Life for Wade at the Elks Lodge. There will be a city bus taking individuals to the event.

The Holiday craft program has been extended to next Thursday, November 9. It will be a decorative candle craft.

The center will hold Monday night football for the whole month.

There is a trip to the Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer play on Sunday, November 12. There are extra tickets at twenty five dollars each that may be purchased by anyone. Family and friends are also invited to purchase tickets and can also ride the bus.

November 16 is the Holiday Baking Class. Participants will be baking cookies, cakes, and breads.

November 23 and 24 the Center is closed for Thanksgiving.

The Commerce Casino and Hotel will be hosting a Senior breakfast and Holiday Cheer party. The date is TBA.

November 17 is the free Thanksgiving lunch at the Senior Center.

Director Lipton reminded the Commission that the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11 in front of City Hall on Commerce Way.

Also today is Community Clippers Night. Those who registered for the bus can meet in front of city hall at 5 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zambrano reported that he attended the Halloween Dance at the Senior Center. He did not dance because he was not feeling well, nevertheless, he really enjoyed himself. It was an exciting event and the music was terrific. He saw everyone enjoying themselves. The costumes people had on were great. There are some lights that need to be replaced in the hall in front of staff offices.

Commissioner Gibson thanked Supervisor Berroteran and the Senior Center staff for all they do.

She would like to see the City Hall main entrance moved back to the original location on Commerce Way. It looks better and more appropriate and that is where some city events are held.

She asked if we can get calendars this year. Director Lipton said yes they can purchase some this year for the Seniors.

Commissioner Barragan thanked all the Veterans who have risked their lives for our country.

Chairperson Elenes reported that he attended the Halloween Dance and it was very nice. Everyone was having a great time. This Saturday he is hosting a trip to Palm Springs. He has a full bus and he is expecting that they will have a good time.

During a recent trip he took to a casino in Riverside he witnessed the police take down and arrest a bank robbery suspect right in front of him. It was a dramatic situation that he experienced.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. in memory of Wade Downing. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the City Hall North Conference Room.