

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018 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 Zambrano led those assembled in the salute to the flag and the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Elenes
Vice-Chairperson: Ortiz
Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson, & Zambrano

Absent: None.

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

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**APPEARANCES AND
PRESENTATIONS**

None.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gibson motioned to approve the minutes of December 6, 2017. Commissioner Barragan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Proposed Change to Annual
New Year's Eve Dance**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that historically the New Year's Dance has always been held a few days after Christmas. It has become increasingly difficult for the Senior Center Staff to put it together because of the many other parties and events that are hosted in the Senior Center during December. This year they hosted up to 13 parties and events at the Senior Center. One of the favorite events of the year is the New Year's Dance. It's a formal sit down dinner with great food and the best entertainment. The building is elaborately decorated and beer and wine is served. She is proposing this year they try a Winter's Ball that will move the date of the dance only two weeks. They can host it on the Saturday night before Martin Luther King Jr. Day which is a three day weekend for staff. This will give staff Friday and Saturday to prepare and set-up and Sunday and Monday for clean up. She would also like to try to change the venue to the Doubletree Hotel to make an even more special event. She will be

meeting with hotel representatives to see what kind of deal they can get. Transportation would be provided. She asked the Commissioners to think on it and to ask their friends what they think and they can continue the discussion and make a decision during the next meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that she and her staff are cleaning up this week and reorganizing their store room. They have been moving a lot of stuff to the warehouse because they are overloaded. This week the center has a much needed break from exercise and craft classes. There are several trips already planned for this coming year.

Feb 8 Santa Anita Mall and lunch and a movie

February 14 Valentine's Day Dance at the Senior Center

March 29 Hike at the El Cajon Trail in Yorba Linda and then go shop and eat at the Nordstrom Rack Shopping Center.

April 19 Trip to the Victoria Gardens

May 3 Trip to the Glen Ivy Hot Springs and Spa

May 24 Will Roger's State Park for a hike and picnic lunch

Jun 7 Exercise classes on the beach at Redondo Beach and then go to the Farmer's Market to eat.

July 18 Trip to Newport Beach to the Sherman Library

This March there will be a variety night dinner at the Senior Center where different people will perform. Details to come.

This year the Senior Center will also have an Ice Cream Social.

Adolfo reported that a memorial service for Val Bassett will be held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 9 at 2 p.m. The mayor has requested that the second row of seats be reserved for the Senior Citizen Commissioners.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Gibson reported that she enjoyed all the dinners she attended in December. Ann and her staff do an extraordinary job. She would like to see the city do a better job of keeping the city clean especially in the area she lives in. She feels as though the problem is getting worse.

Commissioner Zambrano felt the New Year's Dance was excellent. He was feeling ill so he didn't dance, however, he enjoyed watching everyone else dance and having a good time. He feels all the staff does a very good job with all the events and programs.

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz finds that there a lot of cars double parked on the streets. He feels sheriff should patrol more and cite more cars to make sure this problem does not persist. He would like to let Ann and staff know that they did a very good job putting together the New Year's Dance. It was very nice and the food was very good.

Commissioner Barragan attended the New Year's Dance and it was a very good time. All the events throughout the year were beautiful and enjoyable. She thanked Ann and her staff for working hard. She went to the Rose Parade trip and she said everyone attending enjoyed it. She asked God to bless everyone and she wished everyone and their families a Happy New Year.

Chairperson Elenes reported that he really enjoyed the New Year's Dance. It was really nice. Next week on Thursday he will host a trip to take the Seniors to the Cabazon Outlets. This Friday he will cut his birthday cake at the Senior Center for his 90th Birthday!

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m. in memory of Valentina Bassett. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.