

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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 Barragan 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: Director of Parks & Recreation Lipton
Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran
Senior Office Specialist Macias

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Center patron Ana Maria Carrillo reported to the Commissioners that there is a need for a new bingo machine at the Senior Center. She said it is a very popular activity and the machine keeps breaking down.

Commerce Resident Gloria Nezahualcoyotl inquired about the new weights for the water aerobics classes. Director Lipton said they were already ordered and they are now at the BVAC and ready to be used for classes.

**APPEARANCES AND
PRESENTATIONS**

The City of Commerce Eagles Senior Softball Team presented a Championship plaque to the Senior Citizen Commission to be placed in the Senior Citizen Center. The plaque will be kept for a year or until there is a new champion.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017. Commissioner Barragan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO
ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE
DANCE**

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran gave a quick recap of the issues arising from hosting the New Year's Eve Dance 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. She proposed that they try a Winter's Ball to be held three weeks later on the Saturday before Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This will

give staff Friday and Saturday to prepare and set-up and Sunday and Monday for clean up. The Commissioners all agreed this year they would try the new date and change the name to "Winter's Ball." Commissioner Zambrano made a motion and Commissioner Barragan seconded. The Commissioners unanimously approved to change the date and name of the party.

OLDER AMERICAN RECOGNITION AWARD

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that it is the time of the year again to nominate an individual for consideration of the Older American Recognition Award. She received several nominations. Javier Hernandez who is a ComCat volunteer, former trip club chairperson, a trip club officer, a food bank volunteer, and volunteer's at various senior events, was nominated by 11 individuals. Mona Cardoza is a club officer and a volunteer at the food and she was nominated by 3 individuals. 2 individuals nominated Delmy Montes. 1 individual nominated Yvonne Rodriguez. Maria Otis was nominated by 1 individual. The Commissioners motioned and voted unanimously to approve nominating Javier Hernandez.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported that the Senior education classes have started again. The Alzheimer's Association of Greater LA will be hosting a class on Thursdays at 2 p.m. on how to recognize symptoms of Alzheimer's and how to deal with loved ones in your life who have Alzheimer's. In April classes will be started on Mondays at 1 p.m. with Partners in Care on healthy lifestyle for Seniors. Metro will be doing a presentation on using public transportation. AltaMed will be doing glucose and diabetes screenings. She is looking into getting audio visual equipment for the Center.

Feb 8 Santa Anita Mall and lunch and a movie

February 14 Valentine's Day Dance at the Senior Center 12:30-3:30 p.m.

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

She is working on finding a Motown show to schedule as a future trip.

Former Senior Center Recreation Leader/Senior Recreation Leader Melinda Logan passed her Bus Operator licensing and probation. She is now officially working as a Bus Operator for the Transportation Department.

Director Lipton reported that he may have to completely replace the bingo machine. He's looking into it. The Department is working on re-painting the curbs near the senior center and in the parking lot so that they are more visible at night. Hopefully down the line we can improve the parking lot lighting. That is something the department is also working on.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zambrano congratulated the Senior Softball Team on their championship win. He attended the Alzheimer's classes and they are very good classes to attend. He asked if a stroke and heart disease class could be scheduled as well. He said Seniors have been asking him about the bingo machine and also about the pool equipment. But since it has already been reported he just wanted to say that if it is needed we should try to help them.

Commissioner Gibson reported that she also attended the class on Alzheimer's and it was very good. She feels Melinda does very well driving the bus. She mentioned that she has not been getting agendas for this meeting.

Commissioner Barragan also attended the Alzheimer's class and she enjoyed it and she thanked Supervisor Berroteran for scheduling these classes because they are important for everybody.

Vice Chairperson Ortiz recommended that people attend the Senior softball games. The games get very good and it would be nice to have people come out and support them during their games. He hopes that next season they will win the championship again. Traffic is still an issue as he sees many cars running lights and he fears it will cause a bad car accident. He thinks it would help to get more deputies on motorcycles it may deter cars from disobeying traffic rules.

Chairperson Elenes congratulated the Eagles Senior softball team for bringing home the championship. Tomorrow he is hosting a senior trip. Last month he celebrated his 90th birthday at Steven's Steak House and it was a very nice party. There was a mariachi band and a DJ and everyone had a great time dancing. He had to reschedule a senior trip he was going to host in March to Palm Springs because it is scheduled on the day of the Miss Commerce Pageant. He thanked all of the Senior staff for everything they do because they are very good to the Seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.