

**UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**  
**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 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: Parks & Recreation Director Lipton  
Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran  
Senior Office Specialist Macias  
Senior Recreation Leader Patricia Perez

**WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sharon Basic addressed the Commission on the Agenda item of non-resident caregivers attending camp commerce. She mentioned a time she noticed when she was at camp that an individual who had taken a caregiver was walking around on her own. The caregiver was not with her for most of the time there. She knows that there are laws that we have that require us to let people who have disabilities have to be allowed to go up there.

City Administrator Edgar Cisneros introduced himself. He said he was very excited to be working for and on behalf of the Commissioners, the City of Commerce and its residents. He said the Commissioners were welcome to come to his office anytime they would like to speak about Commission related matters.

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018. Commissioner Barragan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NON-RESIDENT  
CAREGIVERS ATTENDING  
CAMP COMMERCE**

Director Lipton talked about situations taking place recently with camp commerce and people asking to take their non-resident caregivers with them. We are seeing licensed or certified caregivers or nurses accompanying residents to the camp, however we have also been seeing situations where able-bodied people are attending camp and requesting caregivers to accompany them. It's a difficult situation if we were to ask the

question on whether the person needs a caregiver. Lipton asked for input from the Commission on what they think about this matter. Chairperson Elenes commented that many of the caregivers do not live in the city. Lipton suggested having them pay a higher rate. Commissioner Zambrano commented that it may be an issue if the caregivers are not insured. Supervisor Berroteran talked about people who are truly in need of assistance will have licensed caregivers. Commissioner Zambrano mentioned that if this will be allowed, more and more people will be trying to use this benefit. Supervisor Berroteran mentioned that the problem we are running into is that there are people who have been taking advantage and taking their friends who are not residents. We would like to come to a reasonable solution so that people who really need someone can still bring them but yet we are weeding out the people who are trying to take advantage. Vice-Chairperson Ortiz mentioned that it would be easy for the city to get sued if the individual has a non-licensed individual with them and something were to happen to them up at camp. They can easily hold the city responsible. Lipton said he could get some legal advice from the City attorney on this question. Lipton said we want to make sure that everyone is taken care of properly but at the same time we need to make sure the residents and the city are not taken advantage of in any way. Commissioner Gibson mentioned that she doesn't see this as a big problem since there have been accommodations made at Camp for disabled people, for example the elevator has been working for them. People have always managed to get around themselves. She knows of only one person who would legitimately need assistance at Camp who is wheelchair bound. Commissioner Gibson suggested asking for a doctor's letter from the disabled individual. Lipton mentioned that we will come back to this topic next meeting and will put together a final draft proposal. We should have some guidelines to this. The Commission motioned and approved that we set some guidelines for this topic.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION  
TO MAYOR ORALIA Y.  
REBOLLO

Senior Office Specialist read the letter aloud for the Commissioners. All Commissioners approved of the letter and signed.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION  
TO MAYOR PRO TEM IVAN  
ALTAMIRANO,  
COUNCILMEMBER JOHN  
SORIA AND STEVEN'S  
STEAK AND SEAFOOD  
HOUSE

Senior Office Specialist read the letter aloud for the Commissioners. All Commissioners approved of the letter and signed.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Supervisor Berroteran reported that the "High Tea" event last week was a big hit. They will have it again next year. They had a craft, tea, pastries, and finger sandwiches, and decorated cupcakes. The Cinco De Mayo celebration is this Friday. There will be a salsa chili contest, food, music, and raffles.

May 10 Mother's Day craft.

May 18 Mother's Day Luncheon with music entertainment.

June 22 Summer kick-off event. The Bingo Machine will arrive on May 7 so she is hoping we can get that up and running for this event. They will also have karaoke and dinner.

June 28 Barbecue Class.

May 22 Trip on the Gold Line to union station. Metro officials will show everyone how to connect to other trains.

May 24 Annual hike at Will Rodgers State Park

Jun 7 workout trip at Redondo Beach and Farmers Market

July 18 Sherman Library Costa Mesa

June 2 Ahmanson Theater Temptations Tribute

Happy Mother's Day to the mothers.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Commissioner Zambrano mentioned that the two thank you letters that we signed he attended both of the events and the food was very good. He was glad that Ann mentioned the bingo machine. People have been asking him about the bingo machine. He reported that on the 19 was the garden show. It was an amazing show. The staff was great and very helpful. Mayor Rebollo and Councilmember Soria attended. There was a mariachi for two hours. On behalf of the club he thanked the Parks and Recreation Department and the City Council. Someone reported to him that they have seen cockroaches in the locker rooms at the BVAC. Lipton said he would have someone go and spray.

Commissioner Gibson felt everyone really enjoyed mayors dinner and the breakfast from Altamirano and Soria. She asked about the AARP conference. Lipton said these conferences are out of state and the City disbanded these out of state conferences. Lipton said we are looking for something in-state.

Commissioner Barragan attended the Garden Show. There was beautiful plants and flowers, mariachi and it was a good time. She attended the lunch with Altamirano and Soria. She will come to the Cinco de Mayo celebration and will make a red and green salsa for the contest. Next month she will not be at the meeting because she is going to Peru.

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz on Leo cars have been double parking excessively. He doesn't feel that it is right. It is not being enforced by law enforcement. Lipton said he would let Public Safety know. Chairperson Elenes he attended the Altamirano and Soria lunch. On the corner of Washington and Ayers there's a lot of construction. Residents cannot see because there is so much dirt

being kicked up. This coming Friday he will have a short meeting for the Social Club so they can attend the Cinco de Mayo celebration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.