

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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: Recreation Administrative Coordinator
Patricia Borunda
Senior Office Specialist Lisa Macias
Senior Recreation Leader Patricia Perez

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Evelyn Romero reported that she has been a resident since 1950 and is very happy here. Her only complaint is with the Transportation Department. They are always late to pick up her up to be taken to her doctor's appointments. Many times they are more than 30 minutes late which causes her blood pressure to go up every time. It was never a problem before when the Senior Center handled the transportation. She feels bad for Martha, but feels like she has taken on too much.

Resident Nelly Zepeda addressed the Commission with her concern about the dance students who are having practice in the Senior Center. She sees them running all over the place, especially when there is no supervision. They are distracting the Monday Night football program.

Resident Sharon Basic addressed the Commission to express her concern about the dance students running in and out of their practice room. A boy had a head injury about two weeks ago where the ambulance was called. The music is as loud as can be. She is appalled because she sees the instructor constantly on the cell phone. They are running in and out of the bathroom with no supervision.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the minutes of September 5, 2018. Commissioner Barragan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SENIOR DISCOUNT

Recreation Administrative Coordinator Borunda reported that the City Council approved the fifty percent senior discount for golf tournaments. However, the discount will only apply to city of Commerce residents. The fifty percent discount will immediately take effect.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE CANDIOTTI FAMILY

Senior Office Specialist Macias read the letter aloud. The letter was to thank the Candiotti family for their generous donation to the Senior Center in memory of long time resident Carmen Mestas. The donation made the Ice Cream Social event possible. The Commission approved of the letter and signed.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE COMMERCE CASINO AND HOTEL

Senior Office Specialist Macias read the letter aloud. The letter was to thank John Griffo and the Commerce Casino and Hotel for donating ice cream for the Ice Cream Social/90+ Years Birthday event. The Commission approved of the letter and signed.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran reported on the upcoming events at the Senior Center.
Oct 11 is Health Day. There will be free flu shots and vendors stationed to give out information about health. There will be raffles.
Oct 17 is the Farmers Market trip.
Oct 31 is the Halloween Dance. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to purchase tickets. Everyone is encouraged to attend in a Halloween costume.
Please refer to the Senior Center brochure for the dates and times of more events.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zambrano expressed his appreciation for the approved fifty percent senior discount for the golf tournaments. He knows the people asking him about it will be very grateful to hear it's approved. He attended Camp Commerce Fitness Weekend. Rec Center Supervisor Mary Anne Griego-Talley did an excellent job organizing it. It was very well coordinated and the food was excellent as always. He enjoyed the presentation by AppleCare on the effects of medicine. It was a great presentation for seniors and the presenter, Dr. Lara, was very helpful. He feels the Dance students need more supervision. He was in the Salsa Dance class and the children were going in there to see them.

Commissioner Gibson asked that the City resolve the issues with Transportation. A person can be charged for a missed appointment or for being late to their appointments. She also saw the Dance children running around during Monday Night Football at the Senior Center. Ann and the Senior Center staff do an excellent job of taking care of the Center and the City could improve on listening to them.

Commissioner Ortiz would like to see the Sheriff's Department patrol on his street, Leo Avenue. People like to race on the street

late at night and it's dangerous.

Commissioner Barragan invited everyone to St. Alphonsus Church to attend their fair. We should make an effort to help St. Alphonsus Church. Their priests are always there when our community needs them.

Chairperson Elenes reported that last Sunday he attended the Senior brunch at the Commerce Casino and was able to thank John Griffo for everything he does for our seniors and for the City of Commerce. Mr. Griffo said he would like to do more for us. Also this weekend is the Palm Springs trip Mr. Elenes is hosting with the Senior Club.

ADJOURNMENT

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