

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019 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**

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz 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
Adolfo Marquez
Senior Office Specialist Lisa Macias
Senior Recreation Leaders Patricia Perez
and Veronica Jimenez

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Irma Flores reported that she had fallen in the parking lot by the library. She was told that the lights were going to be worked on. It is very dark by the library at night. The lights are very dim and are not bright enough for people who are disabled. She said people can get hurt and would like to see the lights fixed soon.

Resident Nelly Zepeda reported that her home was recently burglarized. The intruder climbed into her second floor bedroom on a ladder that was left outside. She mentioned that they got terrible service from the officers who arrived. When they got there the intruder was already gone. They didn't do anything. They didn't take a police report and neither did they take any fingerprints. After they left and she complained the commander came down to her home and apologized and took pictures of the scene. He was very sweet and nice. She mentioned when former City employee Laura Tilley was in charge our city used to have a lot of patrol, but now the safety officers and law enforcement don't really work.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019. Commissioner Gibson seconded. Motion passed.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION
TO EDWARD CRUZ,
COMMERCE GOLF
ASSOCIATION LIAISON AND
CITY OF COMMERCE
MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER

Senior Office Specialist Lisa Macias read the letter aloud. The letter was to thank Mr. Edward Cruz for all the hard work he puts into the City of Commerce Golf Tournaments as a volunteer. The Commission approved the letter and signed.

STAFF REPORTS

Senior Recreation Leader Veronica Jimenez reported that Friday is the Cinco De Mayo Celebration. There is 1 ticket left for purchase. There will be mariachi for 1 hour and then Gil and his band will perform live music. The annual salsa contest will be held from 10-11 am with the Queen and Court as judges.

May 14 is a trip to the East Los Angeles Theater to watch Vision of Boyle Heights. It is a free presentation from 5-6 pm and there will be a snack bar and refreshments at 4:30 pm.

May 17 is a trip on the Amtrak to Old Town San Diego. The group will board the Amtrak at the Anaheim station and a City bus will bring the group back.

May 23 is a trip to Redondo Beach for exercise on the beach. After the group exercises they will head out to the Farmer's Market for lunch.

May 27 the Center is closed for Memorial Day.

Senior Center Supervisor Berroteran is out and will be getting knee surgery. She will be out for a few weeks and the Senior Center Staff will make sure everything runs smoothly at the Center.

Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation Adolfo Marquez reported that the City's Cinco De Mayo celebration will be held on Sunday, May 5 at Bristow Park from 12-5 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Zambrano reported it's great that the staff at the Senior Center bring in programs to the Seniors like the recent diabetes class that a registered nurse conducted. These are very important for the Seniors to attend. He thanked the City Council for the support of the annual Garden Show. It was a great event and he has heard nothing but positive comments from the members about the staff who organized the event, especially Jessica Cruz.

Commissioner Gibson reported that she feels nobody in City hall listens to the residents anymore. She finds it very discouraging. She feels very frustrated by the people who live near her because they move her trash bins around and then they end up hanging over her driveway. She has trouble putting out her trash bins. She also is very concerned with the amount of cars on Jillson Street in the Bandini area down from the school. There are cars being parked across people's own driveways and across sidewalks and blocking the streets. She said so many houses in her area are not mowing their lawns. She constantly has to call someone to get their car out of her driveway. She doesn't see CSO's anymore. She said they are not seen anywhere. She said it would be nice to at least see them drive by.

Chairperson Barragan reported that she attended the tea party and really enjoyed it. It was a beautiful event. She will be participating in the Senior Center's Cinco de Mayo Salsa contest. Next month she will be in the Holy Land for 2 weeks.

Vice-Chairperson Ortiz reported that he watched yesterday's City

Council meeting. He was very disappointed because the microphone was terrible. Half the time people went up there was static and he couldn't hear well. It's the first time he has run into this problem.

Chairperson Elenes reported that home that he suggested needed some cleaning and organizing was remodeled and cleaned up. He said it looks much better now. This Saturday he has a Senior trip scheduled to Palm Springs. There is a full bus and he hopes the weather will be good for them.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.