

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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**

Commissioner Elenes 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: Interim Director of Parks & Recreation
Adolfo Marquez
Senior Office Specialist Denise Raigosa
Senior Center Supervisor Ann Marshall
Senior Center Assistant Supervisor
Veronica Jimenez

**REORGANIZATION OF
COMMISSION**

The Commission voted and selected Jose Zambrano as Chairperson and Raul Elenes as Vice Chairperson

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

**APPEARANCE AND
PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Ignacio Gonzalez from Southern California Resource Services presented services SCRS offers to people with disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Marshall, Senior Center Supervisor wants to share her comments on the Senior shuttle. The Senior Center lost the shuttle and the Seniors depend on the shuttle to go to and from the Senior Center. The shuttle is now DAR (Dial a Ride) which services many seniors. Our seniors are falling through the crack. Seniors do not have computers to make their shuttle appointments. She want to readdress getting a van for Commerce Seniors to go to and from the Senior Center.

Beatriz Sarmiento, Director of Commerce Public Library addressed the Commission with a invitation to see a movie written and directed by Emilio Estevez at the Council Chambers on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Irma Flores reported the DAR program is not working. Seniors have to follow the DAR schedule. Seniors can't enjoy events at the Center because they are being rushed because DAR will leave them. Parking lot is too dark coming into the Senior Center.

Sally Cano spoke about DAR problems with scheduling times to and from the Center. She wants the old way back.

Lupe Cervantes has been a city resident for two years. She calls Sergio to schedule her trips to the center. With DAR she is not able to stay and play Bingo until 2 p.m. because they are picking her up at 1:30 p.m. and will leave her if she's not out in time. She also said one time DAR dropped her off at the Center and told her to take the City bus home.

Gilla Reyes spoke and said she feels bad for the Senior and would like the old way back for the Seniors. The Seniors were told two years ago their trips to and from the Center would not change but everything did change for them.

Sergio Castro from Transportation spoke and said they have accommodated the Seniors if they follow the appointment procedures. He and Ann Marshall have been working on pickups at Bristow and on Jillson. He understands they want their van back but it is not cost effective for them. Seniors need to call in their appointments on time for pickup and return trips home.

Martha Alvarez explains the 15 minutes window for pickups. Different drivers and maybe following their own schedules.

Sergio Castro said he would take all these comments to his Director.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of July 3, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS

Ann Marshall reported the Senior Center hosted National Night Out. The Seniors did a great job and brought food for everyone. At least 180 people. It was a big event. Next event at the Senior Center is Oktoberfest on September 26. Seniors are going to Del Mar on August 21st. Hilda Solis's office gave the Center tickets to attend the Hollywood Bowl on August 29th. In September the Seniors have trips to: The Vegas Seafood Buffett. In October the Seniors have trips to: The Farmers Market on October 5 and they are having their annual Health Fair on October 10th.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Ortiz reported he and his wife attended National Night Out and they enjoyed the music and are looking forward to next year's National Night Out.

Commissioner Gibson reported it's hard to believe the Seniors are having trouble with the shuttle bus to the Senior Center. It has never been a problem in the past.

Commissioner Barragan congratulated Chairperson Zambrano on his new position on the Senior Citizen Commission. She reported National Night out was great and everyone was happy.

Vice-Chairperson Elenes reported National Night Out had a good turnout crowd.

Chairperson Zambrano reported the Senior Luau and National Night Out went well.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.