

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON ST., COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AT 12:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zambrano at 12:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Gibson led those assembled in the salute to the flag and the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson: Zambrano
Vice-Chairperson: Elenes
Commissioners: Barragan, Gibson, & Ortiz

Absent: None.

Staff: Senior Center Supervisor Ann Marshall
Senior Office Specialist Denise Raigosa
Senior Center Assistant Supervisor
Veronica Jimenez

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Gloria Nezahualcoyotl requested a briefing of the Senior's transportation issue. Ann spoke, said the Director of Parks and Recreation was going to meet with the Transportation Department. Ann has not heard anything from the outcome of that meeting but will look into it.

Sharon Basic wanted to address another Transportation issue. She went to Camp Commerce and the bus restroom was not working. The Seniors were told to use the Senior Center bathroom before departing. She addressed City Council about this. The buses are being run to the ground. The buses are being used by Day Camp and Family trips this Summer. The restrooms are not being taken care of for the Senior trips. Having trouble with the handicap, there were six chairs being used. She spoke to the new Interim Director of Parks and Recreation about this issue. She wants the restroom open for everyone not only the kids. Someone is slipping and things are not getting through to Transportation.

SCHEDULED MATTERS
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 7, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER
FALL EVENTS**

Veronica Jimenez reported on item 2 and 3 on the Senior Center's upcoming Fall events.
In September the Seniors have trips to:
Oktoberfest is in September and they are expecting a good turnout.
Vegas Buffet lunch on September 17 in Glendale, Senior are welcome to eat at any eatery.

In October the Seniors have trips to:

The Farmers Market in Cerritos on October 5 and will stop at McDonald's for breakfast.

Senior's are having their annual Health Fair on Thursday, October 10th at 9 a.m.

The Senior's have a trip to the Museum of Torrance on October 15th and will have lunch at Eatery in the Century City Mall. Again, the Senior's are welcome to eat at any restaurant .10/15

Next trip is on October 24 at Olvera Street for the Dia de Los Muertos exhibit.

October 31st is the Annual Halloween dance. Everyone is welcomed, no need to register.

In lieu of the Annual New Year's dance the Senior's will have their 2nd Annual Winter Ball on January 18, 2020.

This coming Monday is Monday Night Football. The cost is \$2.00 and there is all you can eat. You are welcome to bring to bring a side dish.

STAFF REPORTS

Assistant Senior Center Supervisor Jimenez combined her staff report with Agenda Item #2.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Ortiz relates to Commissioner Gibson's transportation concerns. For last month's meeting he called Transportation to pick him up and they never showed up. His neighbor drove him to the meeting. When he arrived the reorganization had taken place. He was disappointed because he thought he was up next. He knows Chairperson Zambrano will do a good job. He said something has to be done with Transportation. He hopes everyone had a good Labor Day holiday. His wife and he did.

Commissioner Gibson is still not over the parking situation. She feels the CSO's are not looking at the cars that are parked in the streets.

There are new City employees and they are sitting in their offices and are not seeing what is going on in the city or are not trying to improve it. The Senior's have never had this many problems in the past. They should come to the meetings and find out what's going on in the city. Senior staff is doing their job well. Animal Control and the CSO's need to get interested in what's going on in the city. Too many people are parking on the streets and guests are not able to find parking.

Commissioner Barragan, no comment

Commissioner Elenes, no comment

Chairperson Zambrano stated he hopes Staff and Transportation can get on the same page. A change is needed. He sees there

are many cars parked in the streets. He observed a car getting a ticket and wanted to tell them they should be giving all the cars tickets.

He also mentioned there are many cars parking in the parking lot. Ann explained the parking lot is public and anyone can park in the lot. He said he noticed cars are driving too fast in the parking lot and Seniors can't walk fast. Drivers should respect their speed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m. The next Senior Citizens Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the City of Commerce Council Chambers.