

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: May 9, 2005 ~ Location: Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Clark passed the roll sheet around:

Members present: Reneé Clark, Helen Dutra, Jack Sloan, Edna DeBardelaben, Jan Stemper-Brown, Dolly Bader and Dale Gustin

Absent: Gene Bartlett

City staff present: Lynda Holt, Charlotte Gorton, Judy O'Neal and Annie Robb

City Council rep: Fred Strong

Guests: Richard Gruner and Grace Myers

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Member Stemper-Brown advised the Senior Resources of North County donated to the Senior Endowment Fund \$1500 and also petty cash in the amount of \$273.43. Petty cash check was given to Lynda today to deposit.
- A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Sloan, to accept the donation of a total \$1773.43 going to the Senior Endowment Fund – motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Clark, seconded by Sloan, to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Senior Picnic – June 4, 2005

- The time is from 11:30 am to 2 p.m. in the City Park. Will do an Americana theme with colors are red, white and blue.
- Menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, chili beans, potato salad and apple pie.
- Rotary Club will not be able barbecue because of a previous obligation. It was suggested to have Holt ask the Veterans to do the barbecue.

- Member Gustin has not asked the quartet to play during the event so Holt was asked to contact the Main Street Big Band or the Silver Bells. Fred Strong will do music as a last resort.
 - Mayor Mecham and Member Bader will present the Senior of the Year Award.
 - Holt will send around a sign-up sheet for members to work. Stemper-Brown will be out-of-town.
 - Holt passed out the nomination for 2005 Senior Citizen of the Year award. Deadline to turn in a nomination is May 27.
3. **Senior Endowment Fund Report**
- Current balance as of 4/25/05 is \$334,970.8.
4. **Juneteenth Celebration – June 17, 2005**
- Member DeBardelaben advised this event will be a tribute to John and Barbara Partridge. She plans to have a banner signed by senior citizens and flowers. The event starts at 10:45 am and ends at 11:30 am with lunch serve of fried chicken and collard greens. We have a special guest speaker from Camp Roberts.

OLD BUSINESS

5. **Senior Activity Updates** (*Lynda Holt*)
- This is Senior Center Week and Lynda gave an outline of events held each day of this week.
 - EOC will not have clinics in May, June and July.
 - Twin Cities Hospital will have a representative discuss the new wing under construction.
 - After the meeting today, the Emergency Services staff will give a brief A.E.D. training for senior volunteers and staff.
 - The Creston Village Band will play at the Senior Center on Wednesday.
 - Pie and Ice Cream will be served by our Emergency Service staff and a Proclamation from Mayor Mecham.
 - Discussed the free shuttle for senior citizens to the Concerts in the Park paid for by Jan Stemper-Brown. Holt was asked to see if the 50-passenger bus will do a second pickup if there is not enough room on the bus the first trip. Locations for pick up will be at the Senior Center, Creston Village and Quail Run Mobile Home Park.
 - The Big Band Dance on May 6 was very successful and festive with 97 tickets sold. There was discussion of changing the time of the dance from 7-10 pm and adding more food since they ran out. Be sure to add the date of the Big Band Dances on the May Senior Newsletter.
 - Holt passed around a flyer for Senior Health & Fitness Day on May 25 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Senior Center.
 - June we have the Senior Picnic in City Park and Juneteenth Celebration.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATIONS

Fundraising (Bartlett & Gustin) *ON HOLD*

Transportation (Clark, DeBardelaben, Sloan and Stemper-Brown)

- Members Stemper-Brown and Sloan have a meeting with Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services, on June 3 at 10 a.m. to discuss city transportation. We have been told there will be solar lighting in the existing bus stops. Signage is being worked on throughout the city.
- The City will hold a public workshop on May 12 and 19 to discuss a two-year budget plan at 7 pm at City Hall in the Council Chambers. The members were encouraged to attend to discuss the need for public transportation.
- Member Clark did a survey in the senior citizen dining room. Five seniors use the Dial-A-Ride program. Many seniors are concerned if they will be able to afford to ride if the cost goes up.
- Member Gustin discussed they had to do away with the volunteer transportation program we used at the senior center years ago because of the liability and cost.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Councilman, Fred Strong, discussed reactivating the City Transportation Committee. He has recommended delegates of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and Youth Commission should be on the Transportation Committee since it affects them. Recommended the Senior Advisory Committee should write a letter asking the city to reactivate the Transportation Committee.
- Member Gustin asked about members serving on more than one City Committee.
- City is working on the budget process with a fee study and a possible increase in fees.
- There are still no directional signs up at Creston or Scott Street showing where the Veteran's and Senior Center facilities are located.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Senior Center - Lynda Holt discussed:

- Getty Museum trip had 49 people and was a very good trip.
- Monterey Bay Aquarium trip is July 13, 2005 with 20 tickets sold to date.
- King Tut trip is September 18, 2005 almost sold out. We have 50 seats on each bus and are partnering with the Library.
- Paso Robles Athletic Club is asking for volunteers to work from 9 am to 3 pm on June 11, 2005 to man a table for their Health and Fitness Fair. See Lynda if you are interested.

Recreation – Charlotte Gorton discussed:

- Indoor pool classes were shut down to shore up the roof and are back in operation. In the future, we will close the classes to fix the roof and we hope to find an alternate facility for these classes. We are in the process of selecting an architect to do the work.
- Centennial Park Enhancement project is in process to do a new playground, roller hockey court, par course, and a teen room. The pool work with water slide and splash toy will begin in September after the summer season is over. We also will be painting the gymnasium and working on the floor.
- May 6 Battle of the Bands at the Fairgrounds was shut down by local Police and staff because some teens were mosh dancing. Robb warned members to be careful of the

rumors going around town about this event. There were no injuries and over 850 kids, parents and youth attended the event as well as city staff and security.

- May 13 is Red Cross Swim Sign-ups and May 20 is Date Night.
- We had the Kite Fest with a huge crowd and a great family event.
- Gary Perruzzi and Chuck Bonde are both retiring in May. City staff is having a party at Centennial Pool on May 30 at 3 pm. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Judy. We plan to roast a pig.

Library – Annie Robb discussed:

- Robb is settling in to her new job and trying to get a routine set of working between the Library and Recreation divisions.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Member Stemper-Brown recognized Holt for all her work in the Older American Month window display.
- Guest Gruner recognized Holt for doing a good job on the Getty bus trip.
- Gorton advised we had five vacancies on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and we received five applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Vice-Chair Dutra, seconded by Member DeBardelaben, to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. Motion passed.
- Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday, June 13, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

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Respectfully submitted by Renee' Clark, Secretary