

# **MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Date: September 12, 2005 ~ Location: Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles**

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
- Dutra welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member DeBardelaben.

## **ROLL CALL**

Secretary Clark passed the roll sheet around.

Members present: Helen Dutra, Grace Myers, Jan Stemper-Brown, Bob Fonarow, Jack Sloan, Richard Gruner, Renee' Clark, Edna DeBardelaben

Absent: Dale Gustin

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

City Council rep: Fred Strong

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

## **PRESENTATIONS** - None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. A motion was made by Sloan, seconded by DeBardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2005 meeting – motion passed. August was dark.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. Senior Center Stage Update**

- Wade Hatch, Building Maintenance Supervisor, gave an update on the construction of the stage. Contractor will start 9/15 and it should only take two weeks to build the stage.

### **3. City Transit**

- Ann Robb, Interim-Director, advised with the help of Senior Transportation Ad-Hoc Committee, Sloan and Stemper-Brown, she feels we have been very successful in meeting with the City in the area of transit. An idea proposed is to host and educate the public on a transit fair in the fall of 2006. City transit was invited to participate in the

Senior Health Fair on October 15, no transit fair. Discussed the City's Needs Assessment and Marketing Plan that is already in the works.

- Progress has been made with existing bus stops: Refurbishing existing bus stops at Stoney Creek and Sierra Bonita and once a month NCI will steam clean and empty the trash at the bus stops.
- Jody Dauth from Administrative Services, will be teaching a two hour classes in the spring about the city transit system. The city has acquired two transit grants: Bus Buddy – Train the Trainer and possible Park-Ride Stop and other grant is for Marketing and Accessibility.
- Stemper-Brown explained a concern is access to existing bus stops we have in our city. Councilman Strong advised ADA will be looking at access to all bus shelters.

4. **Senior Endowment Monthly Report**

- Balance as of July 27, 2005 was \$337,230.18
- Balance as of August 26, 2005 was \$226,232.72

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. **Senior Activity Updates** (*Lynda Holt*)

Lynda gave the following monthly activity updates:

- July – Monterey Bay Aquarium bus trip, Grandparent weeks, Concert shuttle series with 25 to 30 on a bus weekly with nine concerts on school buses, sponsored by Jan Stemper-Brown. Senior Luau was successful.
- August – Texas Holdem card game. Lynda suggested this could be a fund raiser for the Senior Advisory Committee. Strong suggested for legal reasons to check with the owner of our local card room on card games. Hollywood Hats – free event. Osteo Arthritis seminar.
- September – Sept. 2 was the Big Band dance with 70 in attendance; Karen Christiansen, Adult Librarian, has agreed to help the senior citizens on Thursdays at the senior center to access on-line library services and assess of the existing library book collection and more. It was decided to keep the senior library on the honor system with no check-out card system. September 18 is the King Tut trip which is in conjunction with the Library Volunteer program with two buses. September 22 is the Senior Volunteer Potluck.
- October – Oct. 15 is the Senior Health Fair at Centennial Park. We are charging profit groups \$50 and we will be the first group to offer the flu shots in Paso Robles. We are hoping Twin Cities Hospital will sponsor the Health Fair for \$500. We are having Senior Nutrition do fruit platters and mini muffins. We are partnering with Cal Poly for Health Stations for the fair.

**GOALS & AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

After discussion, the 2006 Goals are as follows:

1. **Fundraising** (*Bob Fonarow – Chairman, Helen Dutra and Richard Gruner*)

- Member Fonarow volunteered to chair this committee.
- He would like to see a fiscal year-end report of the Senior Endowment Report.

- Fonarow would like Holt to make a presentation to the North County Newcomers Committee who has a large membership.
- Dutra mentioned there are tools available to people to donate from their wills to the Senior Endowment Fund.

2. **Transportation** (*Jan Stemper-Brown, Edna DeBardelaben and Jack Sloan*)

- After some discussion, a motion was made by Stemper-Brown, seconded by DeBardelaben, to formulate a standard Transportation Committee under the auspices of the Senior Advisory Committee because this is an on-going issue – and after the vote, the motion was passed.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Lynda Holt** reported on:

- Interviews for the part-time clerical position at the senior center and this person should be hired by the October meeting.

**Charlotte Gorton** reported:

- Both pools are closed for the summer with a reported attendance of 14,000 for public swim and 1200 for swim lessons. Centennial Park renovation project – the roller hockey rink should be done within two weeks and there will be a re-grand opening after all projects are finished. Gymnasium has been repainted and the wooden floor refurbished. They will start on the teen center and should be done by Dec. 2005. This is a \$750,000 project with state grant from Proposition 12 and 40. Sherwood Park Forrest Playground Project plans have been approved and then it will go out to bid with construction hopefully beginning in the spring of 2006.
- Olsen-Beechwood developers plan to build approximately 1200 homes in Paso Robles. The public, city staff and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has been able to give input about the parks and trails.
- Concert series were fabulous this year and very successful with over 6,000 in attendance. REC, Inc. is the fiduciary for the concerts and their main fundraisers is the Duck Derby and the Sport-O-Rama at Barney Schwartz Park. REMAX is always instrumental in buying flotillas and they won the main prize this year of the spa that was on display at City Hall. The money collected was over \$10,300 will be re-donated back into parks and recreation.
- The Recreation Rummage Sale at Centennial Park is September 24 in the parking lot.
- City-wide Study Fee that has been going on for over a year is close to being finished and goes to City Council next Tuesday night.
- Follow the River, Follow the Dream visions 1-1/2 miles of walking trails in the Salinas River bottom from Larry Moore park north towards 24<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. If you are interested there is a meeting on Sept. 22 at 7 pm at City Hall. Also, starting September Sept. 29, 30 and October 1, is a three-day workshop on the Salinas River.

**INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORTS** (None)

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Fred Strong reported:

- He will not be here Pioneer Day because he will be attending the League of California Cities Conference with other city officials and Youth Commissioners in San Francisco. He will be looking at a Resolution urging all cities for more clean water.
- Discussed the work on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project.
- Council approved the Storm Water Management Plan.
- The City Corporate Yard is being torn down at 625 Riverside Avenue
- The City will go out to bid for Spring and Park Street public property parking lot.
- One-half cent sales tax proposed. Since 1991 the City has reduced services 14% per 1,000 population. Our population has increased 44% for 15 years and we have reduced services. The City needs \$3.5 million/year to come back to the 1991 dollar figure.

**UNSCHEDULED MATTERS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion was made by Stemper-Brown seconded by DeBardelaben, to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m. - motion passed.
- Adjourn to next regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 2005, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 10/10/05 MEETING**

Respectfully submitted by Renee' Clark, Secretary

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