



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
"The Pass of the Oaks"

MINUTES OF THE
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- We would like to welcome back Helen from surgery.
- Chairperson Dutra called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Member Stemper-Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Clark passed the roll sheet around:

Members present: Reneé Clark, Edna DeBardelaben, Helen Dutra, Robert Fonarow,
Richard Gruner, Grace Myers, Jack Sloan and Jan Stemper-Brown

Absent: Dale Gustin

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

City Council rep: Fred Strong

Guest: Chris Swanson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chris Swanson works for the Paso Robles Police Department and is also a Chaplin for the Harvest Bible Church. They would like to start a group on Wednesday night at the senior center hoping the City will waive the facility fee. They already sent their Use of Facilities application to Sharon at Centennial Park. If you need to check references, we use the First Baptist Church with an attendance of 150 people.
- Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator - Senior Citizens, said that staff for this request would be a challenge because of all the other senior programming.
- Ann Robb, Interim Director, stated we have not given any waiver of new fees and have kept with the City Council's fee requests. Pastor Swanson said they would still be interested in renting the senior center if they could not get the fees waived.
- Member Clark thanked everyone for putting out the word for the need for Senior Nutrition drivers because it has helped their program.

PRESENTATIONS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Myers, to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Update on Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**
 - Edna DeBardelaben, Chairperson, received her first gift for the door prize for the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and thanked Councilman Strong.
 - Letters announcing this celebration are going out in the community for Friday, January 13, 2006. Edna is asking for a donation gift that can be given dropped off at the Senior Citizen Center at 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.
3. **Transportation Unmet Needs Hearings**
 - Holt spoke on behalf of Jody Dauth, on the Unmet Needs Hearings. A flyer was distributed explaining, "What is an Unmet Transit Need?"
 - Discussed the NCI contract on the bus stops.
 - Holt will be talking with Diane of RSVP to cover senior rides to doctors. Paso Robles seniors would maintain list of volunteer drivers and would add cost – solicit sponsorship.
 - Richard with RSVP advised there is a cost involved with volunteer drivers.
 - Members Sloan and Stemper-Brown were advised the contact person is Jody Dauth at City Hall.
 - Councilman Strong advised the Handicap Study with National Access is being done and photographing and will submit their recommendation to the city.
4. **Senior Endowment Monthly Report**
 - As of 11/28/05, the balance is \$334,520.66.
5. **Senior Activity Update**
 - Holt discussed December events: Don Charles with Toy Bank, children from Virginia Peterson School will sing at the senior center along with the Creston Village Band. Hearst Castle trip is December 18 for an evening tour with all the holiday costumes and dinner.
 - Discussed the January trips planned with Suzanne Ontiveros, Library Volunteer Coordinator.
 - We are happy to announce that Dottie is healthy and back to work. Cindy Duff is working out great and very helpful.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fundraising

- Chairperson Fonarow, discussed a very productive Ad Hoc meeting held with Grace, Gruner and Charlotte. After receiving a print out of the Senior Endowment Fund budget, it is imperative to keep this budget replenished. At one time, this account was up over \$500,000 and now it is down to \$334,520.66.

- We would like to raise approximately \$27,000 as a goal of this Committee. We will need the entire Senior Advisory Committee to work on the 2006 Signature Event called “Black Tie Bingo”. We plan to hold it at Centennial Park and hope to get corporate sponsors. It will be a high-ticket event.
- Our goal is to raise money from the entry fee and for the Bingo cards. We will have a buffet, drinks, etc., at the event.
- Advertising will be important because we have Bingo enthusiasts from all over the SLO County.
- A motion was made by Member Fonarow, seconded by DeBardelaben, to have a Black Tie Bingo signature event in 2006 – motion passed.
- We also discussed contacting attorneys, financial planners, banks, senior center members, funeral homes and more about naming the Paso Robles Senior Center as beneficiaries in Wills.
- The next Ad Hoc meeting will be on January 27, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.

INTERIM DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ann Robb

1. Robb advised this season has a tendency to be slow in some divisions but Vicky Jeffcoach is very busy with the Oak Park Recreation holiday camps at Centennial Park, two Oak Park kids Christmas parties and planning for a teen New Years Eve Dance at Centennial Park.
2. I will be taking off the last two week of this year on vacation.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator – Senior Citizens

1. Holt needs information on fixed income housing for seniors. She has received numerous requests from people on fixed incomes. She was advised to contact HUD, Villa Paseo, Duncan, People Self Help Housing and Redevelopment for low income Housing was just approved that would start building in the next six months. Holt would like to make a resource manual for this group of citizens so we can provide information.
2. Nancy Joynt was very busy with special events. She not only put on The Big Band Dance that had 90 participants on December 2 but she also put on the annual Holiday Craft Bazaar in the Gymnasium from 9 am until 4 pm. Both events were well attended and very successful thanks to the great work of Nancy and our staff.

Charlotte Gorton – Recreation Services Manager

1. REC, Inc. (recreation non-profit group) received a grant called Art Inspired from the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation for \$4150 for a retreat and board development. They received this grant for their work on the summer Concerts in the City Park series and Duck Derby recreation fundraising efforts. We will hire July Ackerman, as a facilitator for the retreat planned in January 2006 as part of the requirement of the grant.
2. City Council approved further spending for a multi-year project at the indoor pool to repair the roof and bathhouse. Municipal Pool will be re-plastered in the spring.
3. Centennial Park improvements - Roller Hockey rink at Centennial Park has to be repaired. Fitness par courses, children’s playground, Teen Center and other projects at Centennial Park are to be completed by February 2006.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

1. Councilman Strong further discussed the new 40-unit senior housing project the City Council gave money towards to get under way.
2. In accordance with the CDBG funding, the Municipal Pool renovation project may not be secure and we will not know until March of 2006.
3. Councilman Strong is the new Council representative if you have questions.
4. City's Planning Commission has two new members appointed: Christie Withers and Tom Flynn.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Member Fonarow shared the Parade Magazine article by Gail Sheehy, who wrote the book called Passages, that many adults over the age of 50 or 60 feel the same as she does: "The word "senior" is a turn-off to a lot of people". For some time now, the staff of the recreation and senior divisions has tried to come up with other appropriate phrase or verbiage to attract the community.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Member Sloan, seconded by Stemper-Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. - motion passed.
- Adjourn to next regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 1/9/06 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Renee' Clark, Secretary

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