

MINUTES OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2008 ~ Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Gruner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Pluma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Beverly Bridges, Bill Pluma, Edna DeBardelaben, Grace Myers, Richard Gruner, Dale Gustin, and Jan Stemper-Brown
Absent: Helen Dutra
City staff present: Lynda Holt, Charlotte Gorton, and Annie Robb
Absent: Judy O'Neal
City Council reps present: Fred Strong and Frank Mecham
Guest: Jan Roberts

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

- Director Robb introduced Beverly Bridges and Don Raggle as the newly Council appointed members on the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. Member Bridges was present.
- Member Pluma introduced volunteer Jan Roberts.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. It was moved and seconded by Myers/DeBardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Report**
 - The balance was \$288,334.15 as of the 6/23/08.
 - It was moved and seconded by Gustin/Stemper-Brown to receive and file the Senior Endowment Report. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

3. Membership & Election of Officers

After nominations, the 2008-2009 slate of officers is as follows:

- a) Richard Gruner, Chairman
- b) Bill Pluma, Vice-Chairman
- c) Grace Myers, Secretary

4. Consider Support of Water Rates Proposed by City Council

- o Director Robb presented facts regarding water rates and had considered asking city advisory bodies for formal support, but the City Attorney does not think the advisory bodies should act on something already approved by City Council. Mayor Mecham urged people to access information about the water project on the website.
- o Member Gustin voiced disappointment there was not enough incentives for conservation. There will be lifeline rate to assist low income seniors. Possibility to use re-development funds for low income assistance.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising

- o Bill Pluma, Chairman, discussed Black Tie Bingo event. He mentioned there is advertising in Paso Robles Press and Paso Robles Magazine. Bill asked members to help sell raffle tickets (at least \$100/each). We have a wide variety of gifts.
- o Lynda advised there are a lot of tables still left to sell for the September 6 event. The Mayor suggested making an announcement at the next City Council meeting.

Transportation

- o Jan Stemper-Brown, Chairperson, talked about the idea to have advisory members contact local businesses to help support accessibility of senior transportation. We would like the advisory committee's support for this item.
- o It was moved and seconded by Stemper-Brown/DeBardelaben, for the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee to compose a letter to City Council to address transportation access points with local businesses. Motion carried.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

Lynda Holt, Recreation Coordinator – Senior Citizens, advised:

- o Volunteers are needed for Friendly Rides for Seniors Program. Sponsors: Humana and Twin Cities Hospital have donated monies to reimburse drivers for their expenses.
- o Beach Blanket Babylon trip to San Francisco is sold out.
- o Homestead Senior Care paid for the shredding event that was very successful.
- o Canasta and Party Bridge are two new events that are also very successful.

Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, discussed:

- o Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we have had record breaking crowds at our Friday Concerts in the City Park, sponsored by REC Foundation.
- o Charlotte talked about the Get up and Move it / Outdoor Adventure Camp.

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Annie Robb, Director, stated:

- We are having a great summer and are focused on budget and water issues.

City Council report

- Mayor Mecham reported about his recent trip to Poland.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNMENT

- It was moved and seconded by Gustin/Pluma, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
- Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday, August 11, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 8/11/08 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Service Manager