

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

September 8, 2008 ~ Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Gruner called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Edna DeBardelaben, Grace Myers, Beverly Bridges, Bill Pluma,  
Donn Ragle, Jan Stemper-Brown, Richard Gruner and  
Dale Gustin  
Absent: Helen Dutra  
City staff present: Judy O'Neal, Annie Robb, Charlotte Gorton and  
Michael Seden-Hansen  
Absent: Lynda Holt  
City Council reps present: Fred Strong and Frank Mecham  
Guest(s): Elana Peters

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Member Pluma introduced guest, Elana Peters, to the meeting. Elana received her Masters in Gerontology from Fullerton.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. It was moved and seconded by Myers/DeBardelaben, to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.
2. **Senior Endowment Report**  
The balance was \$287,318.74 as of the 8/21/08 report.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

3. **Transit Service Update**
  - Michael Seden-Hansen, Transit Coordinator, gave an update on city transportation. He discussed the new midday shuttle, grant funding, city website, and passed out literature displaying the new branding on city transit vehicles.

- Members reviewed the Riders Information Guide and discussed the draft of the North County Shuttle transit. A monthly pass would be \$17, half of the present cost.
- Michael announced that the members would be able to view the new bus, waiting outside the building, after the meeting.

#### **4. 2008-2009 Goals**

- Some of the suggestions included promoting the Senior Center and the services offered. We need to publicize and increase exposure/visibility of the Senior Center. We could also use the video to promote Black-Tie Bingo.
- Councilman Strong discussed the process for a General Obligation bond to expand the Senior Center that takes approximately five years.
- After discussion, it was moved and seconded by Gustin/Stemper-Brown to table the goals until after the October 13, 2008 meeting. Motion passed.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Fundraising**

- Bill Pluma, Chairman, discussed the wrap up of the Black-Tie Bingo (BTB) event on Saturday, September 6, 2008.
- Director Robb suggested postponing final wrap up until Lynda can be present.
- Chairman Gruner passed out a financial report showing a new profit for the third annual BTB event of approximately \$13,400.
- Director Robb expressed concern about the amount of time Lynda spends working on the BTB event along with trying to run the Senior Center and her other job-related duties. The majority of the comments from the members supported the idea of assigning sub-committees to be responsible for a large portion of the fundraising duties.
- We need to immediately secure the facility for the first Saturday after Labor Day in September 2009. This will be discussed further at the October meeting.

#### **Transportation**

- Jan Stemper-Brown, Chairperson, advised that a letter of support for the city transportation grant was completed and sent with the grant application. Jan is working with Annie and Charlotte on a letter to the businesses in close proximity to transit stops to encourage them to support increased accessibility to the transit stops.

### **CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS**

- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, reviewed the September 2008 Senior Citizen Newsletter and the new membership drive that was featured. The drive started on 9/1/08 with a goal of obtaining 2,000 new members. Charlotte advised that Lynda is working on the Senior Health Faire for November 8, 2008, that will be held at Twin Cities Hospital again this year in cooperation with Templeton Community Services District, City of Atascadero, and Twin Cities Hospital.

- Charlotte also mentioned that both outdoor pools are closed for the summer to the public, except for lap swimming throughout the school year at Municipal Pool.
- Charlotte advised that the Youth Commission sponsors the College 101 Workshop that will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at Centennial Park. The Library & Recreation Department and YMCA are co-sponsoring the Pup Tents in the Park program this year. Two upcoming outdoor events to look forward to in October 2008 are the Community Walk Day and Creek Day.
- Mayor Mechem gave a City Council update on the water issue, Lowe's construction, AMGEN bike tour, and his trip to Poland regarding Paderewski. Poland officials will visit our Paderewski Festival in November 2008. Frank also advised how pleased he was with the success of Black-Tie Bingo.

### **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

- Member Pluma stated that he has a new idea for a fundraiser for May8, 2009. The event could be at Harris Stage Lines, with beef donated from the Cattlemen's Association. He is looking for comments and a motion to pursue the fundraiser.
- Director Robb suggested that Bill bring his fundraising proposal to the October meeting for further discussion and possible action.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded by Gustin/Ragle, to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Motion carried. Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 13, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 270 Scott Street, Paso Robles.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THEIR 10/13/08 SENIOR ADVISORY MEETING**

Respectfully submitted by secretaries: Judy O'Neal and Grace Myers.

