MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	Dwight Collins, Bobbi Estrada, Frank Kadlecek, Donna Marencia, Alice Pivacek
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:	ArLyne Diamond, Chuck Roberts
STAFF PRESENT:	Marilyn Dippell, Recreation Superintendent Renee Furtado, Recreation Supervisor, Therapeutics Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center Morgan Pershing, Librarian James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation
GUESTS:	Wanda Buck, Paula Gonzales (SCU Student)

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION –
(1) The Commission recommends that Council approve: (a) that the public has an opportunity to submit ideas to Council via the City website, to read the ideas of others, express support of others' ideas, and receive a response, and (b) that the Council support two-way communication with members of the public.

(2) The Commission recommends that Council approve on City furlough days, during the time the Senior Center is open for the Nutrition Program, that the other areas of the Center, except the Natatorium, be open and staffed with volunteers.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair Kadlecek.

II. ROLL CALL – Commissioner Roberts – Excused; Commissioner Diamond – Not Excused

III. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2012 MEETING - Minutes were approved as written.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MEETING AGENDA – Approved

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – None

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:
   A. Chair's Report: Commissioner Kadlecek reported that a red "no parking" curb will extend down Monroe, at Fremont; on February 29 there will be a dedication of new improvements at the Santa Clara Train Station and a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Diridon Station.
   B. Council on Aging Advisory Council: Commissioner Collins reported that the Santa Clara website has improved; reported on abuses by businesses offering "Pay Day Loans".

C. California Senior Legislature: Commissioner Collins reported that he attended two caucus meetings in San Leandro.

D. Senior Center Needs/Transportation: Commissioner Pivacek reported that, to date, almost 400 tax returns have been prepared; reported on the need for new computers and inquired if the Commission's travel funds could be used to purchase new computers.

E. Volunteer/Communication: Commissioner Kadleck reported that in January there was a drop in volunteer hours of 300.

F. Organizations Serving Santa Clara Seniors: Commissioner Marencia reminded everyone of Heart of the Valley's annual meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center. Heart of the Valley will celebrate 25 years of service to seniors.

G. Nutrition/Dining: Commissioner Kadlecek for Commissioner Roberts reported that 1,035 meals were served in January 2012.

H. Commissioner Estrada was excited to join the Commission and looked forward to working with everyone.

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

A. Librarian Pershing reported that the Library would be teaching computer classes at the Senior Center. The classes are held once a month, are free, and sign up is at the Senior Center.

B. Recreation Supervisor Orr reported that a Volunteer Recognition event would be held on April 11th.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Further clarification of recommendation that the Council explore establishing a crowd-sourcing program to solicit and recognize money saving ideas from the public throughout the year. Discussion followed. Commission recommends that Council approve (a) that the public has an opportunity to submit ideas to Council via the City website, to read the ideas of others, express support of others' ideas, and receive a response. (b) that the Council support two-way communication with members of the public.

B. Senior Center operations during established City furlough dates in 2012. The Commission recommends that Council approve on City furlough days, during the time the Senior Center is open for the Nutrition Program, that the other areas of the Center, except the Natatorium, be open and staffed with volunteers. Commissioner Marencia made the motion, Commissioner Pivacek seconded it and the motion passed 3-1-1.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: None

X. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: Wanda Buck presented some ideas: if a computer class fills to capacity, those who can bring their own computer be allowed to attend; use the Newsletter to solicit ideas from the public. She also suggested that during the holidays when the Senior Center is closed for furloughs, that the 'Walk and Talk" program continue to meet.

XI. CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234: No report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232.

Prepared by: _____ _____

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