MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION APRIL 23, 2012



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dwight Collins, ArLyne Diamond, Bobbie Estrada,

Frank Kadlecek, Donna Marencia, Alice Pivacek,

Chuck Roberts

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Marilyn Dippell, Recreation Superintendent

Renee Furtado, Recreation Supervisor, Therapeutics Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center Morgan Pershing, Reference Librarian II

James Teixeira, Director of Parks and Recreation

GUESTS: Wanda Buck, Tom Freitas, Dr. Laurel Jones, Kimo

Lai'Hipp, Bob Owens

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION - None

- I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order by Chair Kadlecek.
- II. <u>ROLL CALL</u> All present
- III. <u>MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2012 MEETING</u> Minutes were approved as written.
- IV. <u>APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MEETING AGENDA</u> Move Item IXA to follow Item V.
- V. <u>CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS</u> It was announced that City Manager, Jennifer Sparacino will retire June 30, 2012. The interim City Manager will be selected by Council.

VI. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- A. <u>Chair's Report</u>: Commissioner Kadlecek reported that April is National Poetry Month and May is National Preservation Month as well as Older Americans Month. He attended Santa Clara County's presentation of draft findings of the Senior Agenda report. He noted that bathrooms are locked in City parks on furlough days.
- B. Council on Aging Advisory Council/California Senior Legislature:
 Commissioner Collins reported that he toured Valley Medical Center last month and was impressed with the facilities. He toured the future home of Marshall Cottle Park in San Jose. At the meeting, he played the California Senior Legislature's public service announcement which will be aired on TV.

- C. <u>Senior Center Needs/Transportation</u>: Commissioner Pivacek thanked the City for painting the curb red at Monroe and Fremont, making it safer to use the crosswalk; she reported that AARP volunteers prepared approximately 1,300 tax returns this year.
- D. <u>Volunteer/Communication</u>: Commissioner Kadleck reported that AARP volunteers donated 2000 hours during the 2012 tax season.
- E. Organizations Serving Santa Clara Seniors: No report.
- F. <u>Nutrition/Dining Out</u>: Commissioner Roberts reported that 1,954 meals were served in March and that the average donation was \$1.00.
- G. <u>Health Services in Santa Clara and at the Senior Center</u>: Commissioner Estrada reported that she met with Mallory von Kugelgen, RN and learned more about the services offered in the Health and Wellness Program. She passed out information on senior services available at El Camino Hospital.

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

- A. Reference Librarian Pershing reported that Silicon Valley Reads is winding up; e-books are very popular and the waiting lists are long; publishers are experimenting with different pricing models.
- B. Recreation Supervisor Orr reported that a successful Volunteer Appreciation event was held earlier in April; he will inquire if pictures from the event can be posted online; Registered Nurse Larisa Polozova joined the Senior Center staff; information on movie licensing will be shared when it is received.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Senior Needs Assessment

A brief discussion took place regarding the results of the survey. Commissioners requested an additional meeting to discuss the results in detail. On a motion made by Commissioner Estrada and seconded by Commissioner Diamond, the Senior Advisory Commission will meet on May 30th; agenda to include the Senior Needs Assessment and Public Presentations; motion passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. West Valley-Mission Community College District Bond Proposition-Measure C.

Dr. Laurel Jones, President of Mission College and Bob Owens, Trustee, West Valley Mission Community College District discussed an upcoming bond measure.

B. Older Americans Month

On a motion made by Commissioner Pivacek and seconded by Commissioner Estrada the Commission recommend that Council proclaim May 2012 as Older American's Month in the City of Santa Clara.

X. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

Tom Freitas reported that a lathe, dust collection system, joiner, and other tools were donated to the Senior Center's Woodshop by Friends of Parks and Recreation; the donation was valued at more than \$1600.

Kimo Lai'Hipp requested that monthly luncheons be reinstated at the Senior Center.

XI. <u>CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234</u>: No report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center, Conference Room 205.

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