

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON AGING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center on July 10, 2007 by Commissioner Cardella at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Breaker, Cardella, Craft (Arrived 9:38 a.m.), Clutter, Griffith, Virobik, Chairman Callen (Arrived 9:40 a.m.)

Absent: None

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cardella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Griffith provided the inspiration:

*God grant me SERENITY
to start each day on a joyful note.
COURAGE to sing the song of my soul,
and WISDOM to trust
YOU always accompany me.*

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Griffith moved, Commissioner Virobik seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of July 10, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Virobik moved, Commissioner Clutter seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of June 12, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None.

7. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Griffith reported the following update from City Council:

Cooling Stations for those needing reprieve from the summer heat are available at Torrance Library, YMCA and the Bartlett Center.

Former Community Services Director Gene Barnett was appointed to the City Council to fill the vacated seat of Councilmember Pat McIntyre.

New regulations regarding noise abatements will go into effect July 1st.

(Commissioner Craft arrived at 9:38 a.m.)

(Chairman Callen arrived at 9:40 a.m.)

B. Housing

Commissioner Griffith read portions of a speech given by Mayor Jim Armstrong in the 1980's regarding the need for affordable housing, pointing out that discussion on this important issue has been on-going for years.

C. Health

Commissioner Clutter talked of a recent fall he took at the Cemetery due to overgrown grass and neglected conditions at the cemetery.

Commissioner Clutter shared recent personal medical condition and stated that when he called Medicare to complain on several issues he had with his physician he was told that his doctor was being investigated and that it was very important to report all such problems to Medicare.

Commissioner Virobik spoke on a recent newspaper article entitled "Choose your long-term care wisely".

D. Transportation

Per an inquiry from Commissioner Griffith, Commissioner Virobik reported that the Bus Buddies Program was formulated to educate seniors on the City's transit services, is in the stage of training volunteers to escort other seniors on how to effectively use the transit system

E. Cable

Chairman Callen reported that coverage of the Special Olympics and the Senior Fair is currently being broadcast.

He also mentioned that due to his recent fall, rebroadcasts of past shows will be running. He explained that the fall gave him a deeper compassion for others in the same predicament and would like to do a show on safety for seniors.

F. Focal Point Program

Commissioner Virobik reported that the Program has a new volunteer in training, bringing staff to a total of eleven.

Commissioner Virobik reported the following statistics for the month of June:

- Total number of calls received -- 95
- Total number of documented calls -- 28
(Note: 67 follow up phone calls were made to clients)
- Miscellaneous calls -- 67
- Total number of walk-ins -- 19

Of the 28 documented calls,

- 39.3% were in regard to Housing
- 39.3% were for In-Home Service
- 21.4 % were for Transportation

Chairman Callen also discussed the use of Cooling Stations and ways to inform seniors that these facilities are available. He stated that he will write a letter to the editor of the Daily Breeze and also look into running the information on cable.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Breaker mentioned that he has received calls asking for donations to the State Police and Fire departments. Chairman Callen stated that these calls are part of scam, as fire and police departments to solicit funds through the telephone. He stated that anyone wanting to donate funds should do so directly and never on the telephone.

H. Club Reports

1. Senior Citizens Golf Club

Chairman Callen stated that he did not attend the last meeting due to his injury; however, he did report overgrown brush on one of the course's hills which was taken care.

2. Walteria Senior Citizens Club

Commissioner Breaker reported that two new members have joined the Club. He also stated that he is happy to share that a current member who recently suffered a stroke has returned to the Club and is 98% recovered.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand and members of the Commission thanked Chairman Callen for his service as Chairman.

MOTION: Commissioner Cardella moved, Commissioner Virobik seconded, to nominate Commissioner Craft as Chairman for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that she has contacted the City Manager's Office regarding the Joint Meeting with the City Council, and that the meeting will be scheduled in early Fall.

Per an inquiry from Commissioner Griffith, Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand confirmed that the Salvation Army's Health and Resource Fair will now coincide with the City of Torrance's Harvest Health Fair on September 15th.

Commissioner Clutter relayed that the Bartlett Center information book is up to date.

Commissioner Craft distributed "Dads Do Matter" stickers and information cards on a "Hula with H.E.L.P." fundraiser scheduled for July 20th.

Commissioner Craft inquired about the Torrance Beach restrooms being closed in the evening. Commissioner Cardella shared that she was told by a County lifeguard that the restrooms are now locked due to safety issues.

Commissioner Virobik shared that May Amemiya has moved to Belmont Village and would love to have visitors.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand talked of the successful Fourth of July celebration at Wilson Park.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Submitted August 14, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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