

August 14, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on August 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Craft, G. Davis, Kimmel-Dagostino, Kraemer, Robelotto, Virobik, and Chairperson K. Davis
Absent: None
Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

FLAG SALUTE

Janet Dirks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

Chairperson K. Davis read the following inspiration provided by Former Commissioner Griffith via email:

Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response.

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved and Commissioner Virobik seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of August 14, 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson K. Davis stated that on page 3, first paragraph, second line should read, "...Golf Tournament and a H.E.L.P fundraiser. She added that the Club would participate in the Volunteer's Center Operation Teddy Bear to assemble over 5000 backpacks for Title 1 schools."

MOTION: Commissioner Robelotto moved and Commissioner G. Davis seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of July 14, 2012, as corrected. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Janet Dirks, Torrance resident

Britt Huff, Executive Director, H.E.L.P.

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

Commissioner G. Davis noted that she would work on any of the topics under Senior Citizens concerns where help was needed.

A. City Council Activities

Commissioner Kraemer reported that the designated cooling centers were: Bartlett Center, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. and the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Monday through Saturday during normal library hours.

Commissioner Kraemer noted that Del Amo extension would open on August 22 at 4:30 p.m.

There was a discussion of the meeting of the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee of August 13, 2012 and the agenda item concerning the Senior Citizen excursion program. Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand distributed agendas from the meeting.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that a survey would be conducted to determine the frequency of usage and financial and demographic information from prior participants in the Torrance Travelers excursion program. She added that the Commission would receive the results of the survey in September and in turn, the Commission would then make recommendations regarding the excursion program to the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that Community Services Director Jones would be meeting with Commissions in October in order to gather feedback on a proposed subsidy plan.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand stated that currently there were no senior tours scheduled, pending a decision on the fees. She thanked those who attended the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee meeting and spoke in support of the excursion program.

B. Housing

None

C. Health

Commissioner K. Davis reported on an article on the medicinal properties of aromatic plants and distributed seed packets of herbs and plants.

Commissioner Virobik presented information on an article on a new national plan to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Commissioner G. Davis reported a story of a 104 year old woman who was able to fulfill her wish to take the chair lift and then walk on Mt. Hood.

Commissioner K. Davis noted that a person's gait can demonstrate early signs of Alzheimer's.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported that she had attended a public hearing of the Transit Department on August 1. She noted that the Transit Department was considering eliminating Lines 1 and 2 and replacing the lines with an express Line 4 to downtown at rush hours. She noted that the Transit Department would make a presentation to City Council to finalize proposed route changes.

Commissioner Kraemer reported that the City Council had noted that plans for the new transit center had to be adopted and finalized to meet the 2014 deadline.

E. Community Programs

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported that she had submitted an application for a proclamation to honor David Villasenor, who was retiring on October 31 from the Senior Program at the YMCA, and that the application packet had been approved. She stated that the proclamation would be presented on October 23.

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino noted that David Villasenor had stated that the YMCA senior tour program could continue if Eunice was willing to continue with the program.

F. Focal Point Program

Commissioner Virobik reported the following Focal Point statistics for the month of:

July 2012

Total number of documented calls: 52	Total number of callbacks: 25
Miscellaneous calls: 81	Total number of walk-ins: 21
Total number of calls received: 133	

Of the documented calls:

29% were for transportation	42.3% were for housing
33% were for in home services	

Commissioner Virobik reported that Focal Point was seeking volunteers.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Craft reported on a scam on thieves who distracted homeowners, which then allowed an accomplice to steal items from the home.

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino noted that on August 21 there would be a presentation on Telemarketing and Internet Scams, along with a presentation on the Return Home Registry Program.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino noted that on page 2, under Highlights, it should read Commissioner Ghislaine Davis, not Commissioner Kathleen Davis.

MOTION: Commissioner Robelotto moved and Commissioner Craft seconded, to approve the Annual Report, as amended. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

There was a discussion on a date for the joint meeting. It was decided that Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand would try to schedule a date for February 2013.

There was a discussion of possible topics for the joint meeting. Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino suggested that there could be a discussion on mobile home park subsidies, work force housing, and section 8 housing.

ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kraemer noted that the South Bay Genealogical Society would present, "Who Do You Think You Are?" the past, the present and the future of Torrance, on September 19 at the James Armstrong Theater at 7:00 p.m. She noted that tickets were \$10.

Commissioner K. Davis stated that Women's Club would be participating in Operation Teddy Bear and a shower for a foster child who was graduating from high school with a scholarship to Harvard.

Janet Dirks, Torrance, stated that she has enjoyed the YMCA excursion program and was willing to investigate different ways to sponsor tours.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. to the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center.

Approved as Submitted September 11, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
