

**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 August 12, 2008 by Chairman Craft at 9:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Callen, Cardella, Griffith, Thomas and Chairman Craft

Excused Absent: Commissioner Breaker

Staff: Recreation Supervisor Snodgrass

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Cardella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Griffith provided the following inspiration:

“There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America.”

William Clinton

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Callen moved, Commissioner Craft seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of September 12, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Griffith moved, Commissioner Cardella seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of June 10, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Bea Virobik, Focal Point on Aging
- Karen K. Fitch, Airport Commissioner
- Merla Wilson, Applicant for Commission on Aging
- Leilani A. Kimmel, Applicant for Commission on Aging
- Phillip Ross, Senior Librarian, Torrance Public Library
- Vicky Hershberger, Torrance Memorial Medical Center
- Steve Barclay, Torrance Community Development Department
- D.R. Richardson, Torrance Community Development Department

7. **PRESENTATION:** “An Overview of the Senior Mobile Home Subsidy Program”

D.R. Richardson distributed information about the Senior Mobile Home Subsidy Program. She announced that applications will be accepted starting August 25, 2008. Ms. Richardson reviewed some of the eligibility requirements:

- Be at least 62 years old
- Live in a mobile home park that is willing to accept the program
- Own your mobile home and pay space rent
- Be a U.S. citizen or legal resident of the United States
- Meet the income requirements
- For questions, seniors may contact the Housing Office at (310) 618-5840.

8. **PRESENTATION:** “An Overview of the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program”

Steve Barclay distributed information outlining the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. Mr. Barclay shared that the program has been in existence since 1978. The program provides a rental subsidy to very low income families, elderly and disabled persons.

Mr. Barclay stated that the City is in the process of revising the General Plan. He invited the Commission on Aging to attend and make comments at the Planning Commission Workshop on August 27 at 6:00 p.m. The workshop is dealing with the Community Resources Element, Special Needs and the General Plan.

9. **SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS**

A. City Council

Commissioner Griffith reported on several issues addressed by the City Council on August 5, traffic, bids accepted for 190th Street and a slurry project. Commissioner Griffith reported that the Airport Commission met 2-3 months ago and an open hearing was held to discuss the sale of jet fuel. Commissioner Griffith indicated that she attended a very pleasant installation ceremony for the newly elected City Council members. Commissioner Griffith announced a free concert at Charles H. Wilson Park by the Torrance Symphony on Sunday, August 24, at 1:30 p.m.

B. Housing

Commissioner Griffith stated that the presentations by D.R. Richardson and Steve Barclay, Housing Administrators with Torrance Community Development were wonderful. Commissioner Griffith commented that Torrance is a great city that really seeks to help its citizens.

C. Health

Commissioner Griffith referenced a Daily Breeze article dated August 12, indicating that weight is not the only factor in living longer and that some obese persons may have wonderful cholesterol levels.

D. Transportation

No report.

E. Cable

Commissioner Callen reported that a recent airing of an Osteoporosis Segment received a lot of interest from women. Commissioner Callen stated that presently airing is a show on the Dolphin Club, a senior citizens Walking Club at Torrance "burn out" beach.

Commissioner Callen announced upcoming segments on the Veterans Military Celebration at Coleman Court and the history and origins of Miramar Park, a former Chumash Indian site in the Hollywood Riviera.

F. Focal Point Program

Staff Snodgrass reported the following Focal Point statistics for the month of June:

- Total number of calls received -- 126
- Total number of documented calls -- 33
- Miscellaneous calls -- 93
- Total number of walk-ins -- 27
of the 33 documented calls,
- 39.3% were in regard to Housing
- 21.2% were for In-Home Services, and
- 12.1 % were for Nutrition.

Commissioner Cardella reported the following statistics for the month of July:

- Total number of calls received -- 127
- Total number of documented calls -- 39
- Miscellaneous calls -- 88
- Total number of walk-ins -- 28
of the 39 documented calls,
- 54% were in regard to Housing
- 13% were for In-Home Services, and
- 13% were for Transportation.

Bea Virobik, Focal Point Manager, announced that Julia Rosenberg, with The California Senior Legislative will be the guest speaker at the Focal Point meeting on August 15, 2008.

Commissioner Callen commended the volunteers and the Focal Point Program for their tremendous services to the community.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Griffith reported that the Area Agency on Aging petitioned the courts to enlarge the Conservatorship Program. Commissioner Griffith also reported that 10% cuts may occur in the senior programs.

8. ORALS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Callen reported that Commissioner Breaker will be resigning from the Commission on Aging. The Commission discussed the two vacancies and Commissioner Griffith suggested Commissioner Craft contact the Sue Herbers, City Clerk, to determine if they could be filled temporarily.

Vickie Hershberger, with Torrance Memorial Medical Center, distributed Health Links information, the Health Connections Education class schedule and the Vim and Vigor Magazine.

Phillip Ross, Senior Librarian shared that they are still waiting to hear from the State Library in regards to the Transforming Life after 50 baby boomer grant, which was submitted two months ago.

Leilani A. Kimmel-D'Agostino announced that the YMCA has free Hollywood Bowl tickets for September 11, courtesy of Supervisor Don Knabe's office. Contact the YMCA at (310) 325-5885 X2732.

Supervisor Snodgrass distributed copies of the "Healthy Aging" article in the August Young Senior Newsletter. She thanked Commissioner Griffith for providing the information to staff recently. Supervisor Snodgrass also brought to their attention the tour survey and requested they complete it today. Supervisor Snodgrass announced that the Keep Safe Coalition was hosting its annual fundraising event, "Bingo Bash" on September 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She also thanked the Commission and guests for completing the tour surveys.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. to Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Amended September 9, 2008 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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