



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 13th of SEPTEMBER 2017, AT 8:30 A.M.
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER
1102 OXLEY STREET**

ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:40 a.m.

Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall called the roll. Present were City Commissioners Levitt, Hurtado Sokolow and Knight. Chair Shon was absent.

Staff present: Community Services Supervisor Torres.

Senior Citizens Foundation of So Pas representative, Liz Giffen Glad, was not present.

City Council Liaison, Bob Joe was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Vanderwall opened the Public Comments section.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Vice-Chair Vanderwall closed the Public Comments section.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2017

Commissioner Knight motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Vice-Commissioner Vanderwall.

AYES: Levitt, Knight, Hurtado-Sokolow, and Vanderwall.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2017 GOALS

Awareness & Marketing

Articles and updated deadlines were discussed.

September

Senior Center Volunteers written by Commissioner Levitt. Levitt to turn in draft to Center Supervisor Torres the week of 9/11.

October

Holiday Gift Baskets written by Commissioner Levitt to be completed in October so it can run in the South Pasadena Review in November and gather donations for the baskets.

November

Senior Center Health and Wellness written by Commissioner Levitt. Levitt will work on this article in November

Discussed articles on the following:

Alzheimer's Disease to be written by Commission Chair Shon when available.

CERT, Neighborhood Watch, Ham Radio - to be written by Vice-Commissioner Vanderwall

Other topics?

Dial-a-Ride profiling citizens who use it - January 2018?

Safety

Staff Member Torres will invite Captain Riddle of SPFD to speak to the Commission on the subject of senior safety, especially of the frail elderly who live alone. He will come to the Commission meeting in October.

2. REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER

There were no new developments on the Community Center.

3.UPDATE ON PRESENTATION BY CONGRESSWOMAN JUDY CHU "UPDATE ON AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT"

The event was well attended by about 40 citizens. Congresswoman Chu answered numerous community questions. A photo was taken afterwards with Commission members and City Council member Joe and run in the South Pasadena Review.

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE UPDATE TO CITY CODE OF CONDUCT POLICTY FOR SENIOR CENTER.

Due to the disruptive nature and health and safety issues surrounding some members of the community who have been visiting the Senior Center recently, an updated Code of

Conduct was discussed that sets out a policy for dealing with such people. This is based on a similar policy in place at the South Pasadena Library to contend with disruptive homeless. Senior Center has on-going issues with difficult members of the public who are angry, threatening and unsanitary who disturb the environment at the Center and frighten the Seniors and will not follow the guidance of the Senior Center staff. It is hoped this policy will address those issues in the proper way.

There was a discussion with Councilmember Joe about this and he informed the Commission that Holy Family Church provides free lunches and on Tuesday hot showers to anyone in the community who needs them. There was also discussion of a new \$30,000 grant the city is receiving as part of Measure H and how this could be used to better address homeless issues in the City.

Commissioner Levitt moved to approve the updated Code of Conduct for the Senior Center and Chairman Knight seconded it.

AYES: Hurtado-Sokolow, Knight, Levitt & Vanderwall

NOES: None

ABSTAINS: None

Absent: Chairman Shon was absent.

5. ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL NOVEMBER 15, 2017

Staff Member Torres will work with Vice-Chair Vanderwall to prepare the Annual Report while Commission Chair Herb Shon is absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. REPORT ON EVENTS

September 26th Assemblyman Chris Holden is hosting a Senior Scam Workshop. 70 people are now expected to attend. Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall offered to sponsor the additional 20 meals so that seniors currently on the waiting list can attend.

September 29th is the Spaghetti Lunch. Assistance is needed from the Commissioners if possible.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Commissioner Hurtado Sokolow asked City Council Liaison Joe about numerous break-ins in the Monterey Hills area by people dressed as Edison workers. He confirmed that has been taking place.

The City is going ahead with a re-districting plan that will require all elected council members to live in different sections of the city.

The City Council approved a Historic Survey of Buildings to take place in November. This will be more challenging since John Mayer, City Planner is leaving.

In 3-4 weeks the city hopes to have a new City Manager. Sewer and water rates to go on the ballot . One of the water reservoirs remains to be repaired.

The City has approval to purchase two pocket parks one on Brookshire and another on Grevalia. They are both current Cal-Trans properties.

Councilmember Joe reported that he had spoken with the owner of Golden Oaks and they are very eager to work with the Senior Center.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

8. STAFF LIAISON

Staff reported that with two new staff members the Center is running very well. Staff also reported that she had visited local convalescent home and was welcomed there and pleased to see the progress made since the new ownership began.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Levitt moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Knight seconded it. Vice-Chair Vanderwall adjourned the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Commission at 9:30 am.



Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall

Minutes approved by the Commission on _____.