

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 18<sup>th</sup> OF DECEMBER 2018, AT 8:30 A.M.  
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER  
1102 OXLEY STREET

ROLL CALL

Chair Vanderwall convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:38 A.M.

Chair Vanderwall called the roll. Present were Commissioners Levitt, Knight, Hurtado-Sokolow and Chair Vanderwall.

Commissioners Shon was absent.

Staff present: Community Services Supervisor Torres.

City Council Liaison present: Robert Joe.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Commissioner Levitt motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner M. Sokolow.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **UPDATED SENIOR COMMISSION GOALS FOR 2018**  
Commissioner Levitt shared that the planning committee met to begin planning for spring 2019 for the next community workshop on aging parents. The committee discussed whether the workshop would be a one day event of multiple consecutive days. The committee is also looking at topics to be covered.
2. **Assignments for Holiday Cheer**  
Staff reported on the success of this year's holiday cheer program. Commissioners delivered the holiday bags week. Due to the expanded promotion this brought in many and increase in gift card donations, totaling \$1,200 plus goodies for 35 bags that were be delivered to home bound seniors

within the community. This is the largest amount of donations in gift cards received, plus a record number of seniors would benefited.

3. Dial a Ride Report

Staff from Dial a Ride provided an update on ridership and progress on the city's Dial a Ride Service. A comparison chart showing statistics from 2017 compared to 2018. There has been a significant increase from July through October this year reaching a little over 1,000 rides compared to peak in 2017 of 800+ rides. Staff member Loera explained that multiple factors attribute to the increase, one is that passengers are getting comfortable with the automated scheduling system. Second, the software is designed to route the passengers and assign to staff in the most efficient way. Third, the program offers Arts/Cultural excursions once per month to local points of interest for the users of the service.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Report on Events

Supervisor Torres reported on the upcoming Senior Center events: Holiday & Christmas program December 13, which is sponsored by South Pasadena Police Officers Association.

5. City Council Liaison's Report

Councilman Joe provided the Commission with an update on a variety of topics including the recent appointment of Mayor and Mayor-Pro-tem. Councilman Joe stated he would reach out to John Pope to write an article on the success of the Holiday Cheer program.

6. Commissioner Comments

None

7. Staff Liaison Report

Staff reported that that Gerontology Intern will begin the second week of January 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vanderwall moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Levitt seconded it.

The regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Commission adjourned at 9:30 A.M.



Chair, Robert Vanderwall

Minutes approved by the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.