

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 13th OF NOVEMBER 2019
AT 8:30- A.M.
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER
1102 OXLEY STREET

ROLL CALL

Chair Levitt convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:30 AM.

Chair Levitt called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present:

Commissioners Papadakis, Vanderwall and Knight

Absent: Vice-Chair, Shon

City Council Liaison present: Absent

Staff present: Community Services Supervisor Torres

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levitt opened the Public Comment section.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2019

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

AYES: Knight, Vanderwall and Papadakis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Plan and determine the next community workshop "What to do About Mom or Dad"

Commissioners reviewed the overall outcome of the October workshop. The panelist were informative and keep the public interested. However, attendance was extremely low and there were concerns that it conflicted with the democratic debate. Possible negative factors, Tuesdays may not be good evenings, not enough posters were circulated for next event.

2. Holiday Cheer Program

The Senior Commission will once again offer the Holiday Cheer Program where donations are solicited from the community of packaged chocolates and candy, as well as gift cards to local stores to create cheer bags for home bound older adults. Commissioner Vanderwall reached out to his contact Whittier Foundation for a donation. Commissioners will be able to deliver bags beginning December 19-23.

3. Review and Discuss Senior Fitness Class procedures

Staff informed Commissioners on the procedures for senior fitness classes and the policy. Of the five or six fee based classes offered by the Senior Center only one is

having problems with capacity and concerns from participants. The Function Fitness class has grown to a point that registration is limited due to space at the Center. The last Wednesday of each month, participants come in and sign up. Unfortunately, after 34 registered payments are received, seniors are being turned away. There are no problems with other fee based classes. There is a policy in place for special events & excursions to provide first three days of registration/sign up to residents. After discussion the Commission decided to not create a new policy for the one class. Staff informed the commissioners that the class will be relocated to War Memorial beginning January 1, 2020 to accommodate the size. Registration will resume to the past practice of payment being accepted the last week of each month.

4. Expanding Technology Support for Senior Citizens using Youth Volunteers

Staff has reached out the South Pasadena High School to promote the need of additional volunteers to help each week senior citizens with troubleshooting devices like cellular phones, iPad and laptops.

5. Senior Commission Annual Report

Chair Levitt will work with staff to prepare the annual report to City Council.

6. Volunteer Appreciation December

Staff reported that an event is being planned to recognize volunteers to their efforts and support of the Senior Center. The event would be in early December if scheduling permits, however, it may be postponed until after the holidays.

7. Report from the Senior Citizens Foundation

Vice President William Cullinane reported on the action taken at the last Foundation Board meeting of October 22, 2019. The board approved funding of the following: Replacing seven computers for the seniors; Fund an expandable wall between the two front classrooms; Sending out fundraising letter and analysis of last fundraising results; Commissioners commented on donations and suggested they look for donations and not use the principal by creating an endowment fund.

8. City Council Communications

No report was provided.

9. Commissioner Communications

No reports were provided.

10. Staff Liaison Communications

Commissioners were reminded that volunteers are needed to serve lunch for the Thanksgiving luncheon November 26 at War Memorial.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Knight moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Papadakis. All were in favor.

The regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Commission adjourned at 9:15 AM.

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Chair, Alexandria Levitt

Minutes approved by the Commission on 12/11/19