MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

Commissioners Present
Antonio Rodella, Chair
J. “Kitty” Preston, Vice-Chair
Connie Dunay
Judy E. Huitt
Madeline Jensen
Robert Kuehn

Commissioners Absent
Henry De La Mora

STAFF
Cathy Glasgow, Recreation Services Manager
Beth Lapkowski, Sr. Secretary

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Senior Citizens Commission meeting of January 10, 2008, was officially called to order by Chair Rodella at 1:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Huitt led the commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

A. Scheduled Public Oral Communication

B. Unscheduled Public Oral Communication
Charlotte Williams and an anonymous gentleman were present to listen to the meeting, and Danielle Keyhan was present to address the commission. She has been having a dispute with her neighbor for over 15 months regarding a water leak in her garage that is coming from her upstairs neighbor. She has involved the City’s Code Enforcement Department, and has met with the management company but has not had resolution. The owner of the condominium indicated he spent $3,000 but could not find a leak and he has refused to allow her plumber access to the property, even though he told Code Enforcement that he would allow it. She is very frustrated and does not know where to go next. Vice-Chair Preston suggested that Ms. Keyhan write to the Board of Directors for the Condominium Association and Management Company and request a meeting, as well as contact Legal Aid for help. Ms. Keyhan said she has sent letters and had direct contact with her Association without a resolution, and that Legal Aid cannot help because she has not spent any money to correct the problem herself. Commissioner Jensen requested to see the paper work that Ms. Keyhan brought with her and she indicated she would make copies for the commissioners to review. Vice-Chair Preston also asked...
4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Incoming

None.

B. Outgoing

None.

5. PRESENTATION:

Bob Cerince, Community Services Supervisor for Homeless and Motel Resident Services, and April Francoviac from the OASIS Program, made a presentation on homelessness in Anaheim and answered questions. Chair Rodella requested a copy of the power point presentation, and Bob Cerince indicated that he would provide one for each of the commissioners.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 12/13/07:

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the December 13, 2007, minutes as prepared; Vice-Chair Preston seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Advertising SCC Meetings:

Vice-Chair Preston reported that she went to the New Horizon’s apartment homes near Brookhurst and Ball Road and gave them information on the meetings as well as transportation opportunities available to them.

B. Future Presentations:

Chair Rodella inquired whether the list of presentations for the year has been prepared. Cathy Glasgow indicated that Jan Branich was working on that but she wasn’t able to attend the meeting. They will present the schedule at next month’s meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. REPORTS

A. Senior Transportation - Commissioner De La Mora:

Commissioner De La Mora was absent.

B. OC Roundtable - Commissioner Kuehn:

Commissioner Kuehn reported that there was no meeting in December.

C. Housing Committee - Commissioner Dunay:

Commissioner Dunay reported that the Housing Committee spent most of the time discussing homelessness, and that the Lincoln Inn has been closed. They are planning a tour of the local armories that are sheltering the homeless during the cold weather.

D. Senior Citizen Advisory Council - Commissioner Jensen:

Commissioner Jensen reported that the last meeting was held at the Lake Forest senior center. Marilyn Ditty gave a report on South County Senior Services program, and Karen Roper gave an update on the SNEMT budget and an ad-hoc committee on senior centers. The California Senior Legislatures reminded them as seniors to...
mark line 52 on tax returns to make donations to the California Senior Legislative group. They ended the meeting with a holiday party sponsored by the City of Lake Forest with a catered lunch, bingo and a gift exchange.

E. Human Services Network– Vice-Chair Preston: Vice-Chair Preston reported the Human Services Network was dark in December.

F. Health & Nutrition– Commissioner Huitt: Commissioner Huitt reported about 4 habits that can add 14 years to your life: eat more fruits, eat more vegetables, exercise regularly, and drink alcohol in moderation. Also, there is a study that because as people age there is a shift from lean body mass to fat, some pharmaceuticals remain in the body longer than they did when they were younger, which can lead to an over-dose. She reported that incorrectly administered prescription drugs are among the top 10 causes of death in the United States. They suggest that you take all of your medications, over-the-counter medication and vitamins in a brown bag to your next doctor appointment so they can review them all.

G. Legislative Committee – Chair Rodella: Chair Rodella reported the Legislative Committee was dark in December.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Commissioner De La Mora Absent.

B. Commissioner Dunay None.

C. Commissioner Huitt None.

D. Commissioner Jensen Commissioner Jensen reported that the Ezra Center is having a program on February 7th from 9:30 to 2:00 p.m. called “Challenges of Retirement and Aging Well in Orange County.” Their featured speaker will be Lynn Daucher, Director of California Department of Aging. A reservation for lunch is required and can be reserved by calling Ruth Sheldon at (714) 774-0472. She also reported that O.L.L.I. is having a meeting reception on Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m., What’s New for Spring, Study & Discussion Groups, Classes & Trips, Weekend and Evening Classes and more, followed by reception and refreshments at 2:00 p.m. Also, the neighborhood councils will be having their meetings during the month of January.

E. Commissioner Kuehn Commissioner Kuehn distributed a copy of an article regarding vaccines and asked if it could be posted on the bulletin board at the Senior Center.

F. Vice-Chair Preston Vice-Chair Preston reported that seniors can use the computers at the West Anaheim Youth Center on Mondays and Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Kuehn also reported that if you take a class at the Cypress College branch in Anaheim, you can also use the computers in the lab. Vice-Chair Preston also reported that CERT classes will be held at Magnolia
Baptist Church (720 S. Magnolia) beginning Friday, January 11, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, January 12, 9-5 p.m.; Friday, January 25 from 6-9 p.m.; and Saturday, January 26, 9-5 p.m. She also reported that beginning February ’09, older analog televisions will need a converter box unless you have cable or satellite, and $40 vouchers are available by calling 1-888-388-2009. She discussed her concerns about Section 8 vouchers for seniors and felt that some seniors who are eligible do not receive help. Chair Rodella indicated that Section 8 is a Federal program that is allocated by percentage of the population, so all seniors who may qualify would not be able to get assistance.

G. Chair Rodella
Chair Rodella will be attending the WECARE (Working to Enhance Care and Resources for Elders) inauguration at Cal State Fullerton Saturday at 11:00 a.m. He also reported an update on the Social Security penalty senate bill 206 that would repeal the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision.

H. Staff
Cathy Glasgow distributed flyers on upcoming events to the commission.

11. ADJOURNMENT:
Chair Rodella adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.