

MINUTES – PLACENTIA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING 4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2016  
CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM  
401 E.CHAPMAN AVENUE

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Beverly Cardwell, Ron White, Bob Dewey, and Huberto “Bobby” Mayo

Staff Present: Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor, Aileen Salazar, Program Coordinator, Rebecca Garcia, Senior Community Services Leader, and Veronica Rodarte, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – No members of the public were present.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Cardwell called for a motion to approve the minutes from July 8, 2015. Committee Member Mayo found that a correction was needed to the spelling of his name. A motion was made by Committee Member Bob Dewey to approve the minutes with the correction and was seconded by Huberto. The minutes for July 8, 2015 were approved with the correction.

**2. Budget Log Review**

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell explained that the balance was \$2,029.63. She also explained that the money raised during the Tamale Festival went to buying Christmas gifts for the seniors that attend the Senior Center. She also suggested that something fun can be done with or for the seniors because there is enough money in the account.

**4. Senior Center Operations:**

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell explained that Committee Member Mayo and the other volunteers have made it easier to bag the food. It was suggested that outdoor patio use be encouraged in temperate climate. Chairperson Cardwell also suggested a barbeque be held in nice weather for lunchtime.

New signs for parking control were put into place in the back lot, and vehicle decals were discussed.

Discussion about minor bathroom restoration at the Senior Center was brought to the table by Chairperson Cardwell, and it was agreed that the bathrooms could use a new coat of paint.

Hats sold at the Tamale Festival earned the Committee a little more than \$500. Seniors who knit the hats also knit hats and blankets to donate to children and infants at Kaiser Permanente, CHOC, and churches. Lap blankets were given to residents of nursing homes as well. The Senior Center participants worked to give back to the community.

A blurb will be published in the Placentia Quarterly to recruit new committee members. Chairperson Cardwell mentioned that she will make an announcement to invite new members during Senior Center hours.

Chairperson Cardwell reintroduced the idea of a questionnaire to be sent out to Placentia residents. The questionnaire would ask senior citizens about their needs and wants regarding City services. Committee Member White recommended that city employees reach out to citizens at the Senior Center. Committee members underlined the importance of reaching out to the seniors who attend the center and those who do not. Committee Member Dewey noted that the building in which the program is held daily should welcome larger groups of people. He suggested that the location of the Senior Center change. Transportation, activities, commodities and programs could be advertised to senior citizens throughout the City to improve Senior Center attendance. Moreover, the Committee planned to set up a table at the Senior Center on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to hand out flyers, which would ask for participants to bring friends or grandchildren to the center.

#### **5. Senior Excursions:**

Committee Member White brought up the Miss Placentia Pageant scheduled to be held at El Dorado on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that Senior Center participants receive free or discounted transportation and tickets to the event, where Miss Placentia and Miss Yorba Linda will be crowned. The seniors would have to sign up in advance.

Chairperson Cardwell mentioned that the Senior Advisory Committee is interested in the Concerts in the Park community event held in the summer. The details regarding this event will be discussed in April.

#### **6. Agenda Building**

Leave the same items.

#### **7. Committee Comments**

Committee Member Mayo mentioned that the Committee is doing a good job. Chairperson Cardwell requested an email address list, and the roster of the Committee list was brought to the Committee attention to be revised.

#### **8. Staff comments**

Staff member Veronica Ortiz informed the Committee that Jon Nicks, the previous Community Services Director, has been gone since September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and that the interim director is Stacia Mancini. Staff member Ortiz mentioned that a new, permanent director would be hired soon.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee member Ron White motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. and Committee member Huberto Mayo seconded the motion with the next meeting to be held on April 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.