

MINUTES
PLACENTIA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2011
CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
401 E.CHAPMAN AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Beverly Cardwell called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Beverly Cardwell
 Robert Dewey
 Theresa Loftus
 Dixie Shaw
 Yolaida Teuchert

Absent: Judi Marsh
 Ron White

Staff Present: Steve Pischel, Director of Administrative Services
 Cheryl Bucholtz, Program Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a MOTION by Yolaida Teuchert to approve the Minutes of October 13, 2010; SECONDED by Theresa Loftus and CARRIED

2. UPATE ON EDWIN T. POWELL BUILDING / SENIOR CENTER RENOVATION

Mr. Pischel discussed the status of the repairs on the Powell Building. He informed the committee that there have been weekly construction meetings with the construction manager, contractor, and city staff to give updates and resolve the challenges that arise. At this point, the electrical systems must still be upgraded, the patio needs to be raised, and the tile and carpet must be installed. Mr. Pischel invited all members of the committee to meet him at the Powell Building on Tuesday, January 19th in order to view the current state of the repairs.

3. DISCUSSION ON GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY FOR EDWIN T. POWELL BUILDING

Mr. Pischel announced to the committee that the construction project is expected to be completed by the end of February. However, an exact date has not been determined. Due to the Powell Building's future use as both the Senior Center and the Cathy Torrez Learning Center, it seems appropriate that both the senior citizens in Placentia and the students who attend CTLC should all be invited to the ceremony.

Ms. Cardwell suggested that a sub-committee be created in order to help organize this event. Theresa Loftus, Yolaida Teuchert, and Beverly Cardwell have joined this committee. Ms.

Teuchert informed the committee that if they want a large number of the senior center participants present, the ceremony should be held during the hours of the senior center. Unfortunately, these are also the hours that students are attending school. Therefore, Ms. Cardwell suggested that we plan the ceremony on a teacher conference day or a non-attendance day. The committee will investigate the days that will work best for students attending Morse Elementary School, Melrose Elementary School, and Kraemer Middle School. Mr. Pischel also suggested that it would be possible to use the city's bus and the Yellow Cab on this day in order to transport the senior center participants to the event in the afternoon, when they are not typically expected to travel to the senior center.

4. UPDATE ON SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PROVIDED THROUGH A GRANT FROM OCTA AND OPERATED BY CALIFORNIA YELLOW CAB

Mr. Pischel informed the committee that although 5% - 10% of the funding has been removed, the program has been reinstated with a 5 year contract.

5. UPDATE ON SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM PROVIDED THROUGH FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING AND OPERATED BY COMMUNITY SENIORSERV

During the renovation, the meals have been adjusted by Community SeniorServ in order to compensate for lunches without an oven. Ms. Loftus, Ms. Teuchert, and Ms. Cardwell agreed that the meals have exceeded their expectations during this period, especially the hot meals that are received on party days. Mr. Pischel and Ms. Bucholtz announced that the difficulties with the commodities contract through the Second Harvest Food Bank have been resolved. The senior center will receive its regularly scheduled commodities delivery in February. Ms. Bucholtz informed the committee that the dates of the food boxes have been changed. The food boxes will arrive at the senior center on the Monday following the last Wednesday of the month. This includes January 31st, February 28th, and April 4th. Ms. Bucholtz will provide a list of all dates for the year. If seniors want their boxes earlier, they can come to the Whitten Center to receive them on the last Wednesday of each month.

6. SENIOR EXCURSIONS

Ms. Bucholtz provided a list of the 2010 excursions and the number of participants. Five of the last nine excursions have been cancelled due to lack of participation. In order to discuss some potential excursions with the senior center participants, there will be a short meeting on Wednesday, January 19th at 11:30am. In addition, Emerald Isle provides monthly casino excursions that the senior center participants would like to join. The information for these excursions can be found at the senior center.

7. AGENDA BUILDING AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The next agenda will include discussion of how monetary donations to the senior center will be used.

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Committee members discussed attending the Placentia Community Network meeting on Thursday, November 4, at noon to share information about Senior Center programs. Ms. Cardwell also informed the committee that the senior center participants have knitted/crocheted and donated over 600 hats. These donations have gone to HIS House, CHOC, St. Joseph Cancer

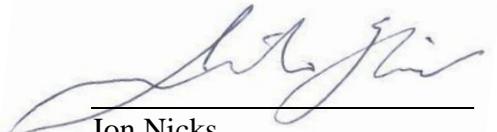
Center, Fullerton Armory, and the OC Rescue Mission. In order to receive yarn donations to continue these contributions, the committee suggested writing ads on Craigs List and asking craft stores such as Michael's.

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Theresa Loftus motioned to end the meeting and Dixie Shaw seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with the next meeting to be held on April 13, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.



Jon Nicks
Staff Liaison