

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON AGING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center on January 9, 2007 by Chairman Callen at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Breaker, Cardella, Craft, Clutter, Dean, Griffith, Virobik and Chairman Callen.

Staff: Sr. Recreation Supervisor Wand

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cardella led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Griffith provided the inspiration:

*Where the heart is without fear,
And the head is held high,
Where knowledge is free,
Where the world has not been broken into fragments,
By narrow domestic walls,
Where words come out from the depths of truth,
Where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection,
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sands
of dead habit,
Where the mind is lead forward by Thee into ever widening thought and action,
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

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4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved, Commissioner Virobik seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of January 9, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Griffith requested that the first paragraph under her Transportation report be amended to read as follows: "Commissioner Griffith reported that Helen Dennis wrote an informative article in the December 7th issue of the Daily Breeze, highlighting a local meeting with other participants from the White House Conference to discuss the issues that were ignored there."

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved, Commissioner Dean seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of December 12, 2006, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None.

7. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Griffith reported that Mayor Scotto discussed the proposed transferring of students from J. H. Hull Middle School to Sam Levy Curriculum Center and Adult School, and that some residents of New Horizons have voiced their safety concerns on this proposal.

Commissioner Griffith also reported on a proposal for a new Home Depot and office building behind Sam's Club, and stated that hearings on the proposed development will follow.

B. Housing

Commissioner Virobik reported that per Mayor Scotto the vacant lot on Anza and Pacific Coast Highway is privately owned and being developed. The City is continually looking for private property for affordable housing.

Commissioner Craft questioned what can be done to make sure senior housing is actually affordable. A discussion followed with commissioners sharing that unfortunately senior housing isn't always affordable or the space offered is very, very small.

Commissioner Dean talked of the how the Commission evaluates a contractor's presentation to its finished product to make sure what was proposed was actually built.

C. Health

Commissioner Dean distributed "The Torrance Guide to Services for Older Adults" to each commissioner, and stated that additional copies are available.

Commissioner Griffith announced that Sam's Club has generic drugs (30 to 100 day supply) available for \$4.00.

Commissioner Callen noted flu shot are still available from the Health Department.

Commissioner Griffith shared that Kaiser will be supplying shingles vaccination for their members. She also read an AARP article on dirty hospitals and ways to prevent infection.

D. Transportation

None.

E. Cable

Commissioner Callen reported that the program on Medicare prescriptions received good feedback and he will be doing another one in the future.

Commissioner Callen talked on the Sharing is Caring Luncheon, sponsored by Honda and the Salvation Army. Over 1150 persons participated and it was so heartwarming to see the children and families benefiting from such a wonderful event.

Commissioner Callen invited everyone to attend the upcoming presentation of Historic Torrance, on February 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at West Presbyterian Church on Cabrillo and 220th Street.

Commissioner Griffith announced that a celebration honoring the 90th Anniversary of Torrance High School and the 90th Birthday for Louis Zamperini will be held on January 27, 2007.

F. Focal Point Program

Commissioner Virobik reported that a new volunteer has joined staff for a total of 11 volunteers.

Commissioner Virobik reported the following statistics for the month of December:

- Total number of calls received -- 97
- Total number of documented calls -- 22
(Note: 11 follow up phone calls were made to clients)
- Miscellaneous calls -- 75
- Total number of walk-ins -- 18

Of the 22 documented calls,

- 32% were in regard to Housing
- 23% were in regard to In-Home Services, and
- 14% were questions about Transportation

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Breaker reported on a recent incident involving a stolen laptop from a Boeing employee's vehicle. The contained information was not encrypted and involved Social Security, checking accounts, and credit card information for over 328,000 current and retired employees of Boeing.

Commissioner Dean shared that she uses one specific credit card for internet and telephone purchases.

H. Club Reports

1. Senior Citizens Golf Club

Commissioner Callen reported that due to the holidays, no December tournament was held. The new year is underway and dues still remain \$10.00.

2. WALTERIA Senior Citizens Club

Commissioner Breaker spoke on the luncheon held before Christmas and stated that the Riviera Sportsmans Club bought a new coffee maker for the Club.

8. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Callen shared that former Mayor Walker attended a City Council meeting prior to the holiday and wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Commissioner Craft stated that he is enjoying his time on the Commission and is learning a great deal.

Commissioner Callen talked on the Commission's efforts within the City and their role as a "watch dog" for seniors.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. to Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Amended February 13, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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