

May 8, 2007

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center on May 8, 2007 by Chairman Callen at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Craft, Clutter, Griffith, Virobik and Chairman Callen
Absent: Commissioner Breaker, Cardella
Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

3. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Griffith provided the inspiration:

A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else take.

Cardinal Mermillod

Before becoming a mother, I had a hundred theories on how to bring up children. Now I have seven children, and only one theory: love them, especially when they least deserve to be loved.

Kate Samperi

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Virobik moved, Commissioner Craft seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of May 8, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Craft moved, Commissioner Virobik seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of April 10, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Claire Coignard, Community Resources and Services Manager, Torrance Memorial

Phillip Ross, Senior Librarian

7. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council

Commissioner Griffith shared that retiring Community Services Director Gene Barnett will be recognized at tonight's City Council meeting.

Commissioner Griffith reported on a terrific Students And Government event initiated by Mayor Scotto's wife Cindy. She explained that it involved a selected group of local eighth graders spending a day with City Council members, elected officials, and department heads and then participating in a City Council meeting.

Commissioner Griffith also reported that the City Council approved the demolition of an old building on Cabrillo.

B. Housing

Commissioner Virobik reported that at the RSVP luncheon, Mayor Scotto stated that he will be working on getting more affordable rental housing for seniors. She stated that she has also heard Redondo Beach is opening up their waiting list for Section 8 and hopes Torrance will follow.

Commissioner Griffith suggested and confirmed with the Commission that she will draft a letter to Mayor Scotto conveying the Commission's appreciation of his acknowledgement of the need for affordable housing for seniors

C. Health

No reports.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Virobik talked of an individual who was affected financially by the purchase of tickets required to transport him to medical appointments.

Torrance Memorial's Community Resources and Services Manager Claire Coignard clarified the services provided by the van at Torrance Memorial.

E. Cable

Chairman Callen mentioned the wonderful display of aviation artifacts at the Western Museum of Flight.

He reported that he is currently editing the recent RSVP luncheon footage.

Chairman Callen also talked of his recent attendance and coverage of the Special Olympics, sharing that it was a wonderful event and so heartwarming to see the love shown by and between the participants, coaches and volunteers.

F. Focal Point Program

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

- Total number of calls received -- 144
- Total number of documented calls -- 72
(Note: 35 follow up phone calls were made to clients)
- Miscellaneous calls -- 72
- Total number of walk-ins -- 33

Of the 72 documented calls,

- 44.4% were in regard to Housing
- 14% were in regard to In-Home Services, and
- 18% were for Transportation

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

No reports.

H. Club Reports

1. Senior Citizens Golf Club

Chairman Callen reported that five new members have joined the Club.

2. Walteria Senior Citizens Club

No reports.

8. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand announced that Commissioner Virobik and Ms. Penny Raymeyer will be recognized with the 2007 Older Americans Awards at tonight's City Council Meeting.

9. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Craft distributed stickers created by the H.E.L.P. Center as a reminder of the hugely important role of loving and caring parents.

Senior Recreations Supervisor Wand announced that the Senior Health Fair will be held Saturday, May 26, 2007 at the Bartlett Senior Center.

She also announced that the City Council is scheduling joint meetings with Commissions who wish to do so, and will schedule a discussion of this item on next month's agenda.

Torrance Memorial's Community Resources and Services Manager Claire Coignard distributed flyers on a Community Health Education series entitled "Take Your Best Shot" to be held on May 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Librarian Phillip Ross spoke on the Library's recent presentation of "Brain Games for Older Adults", and credited Principal Librarian Hillary Theyer for planning this fantastic, successful program.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Submitted June 12, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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