

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JANUARY 22, 2009 AT THE OLD TOWN SUB-STATION, 817 NO. MAIN STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Carrigan took roll call as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Duane Kirby
Linda Norman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008

It was moved by Elaine Bremner and seconded by Janice Montgomery to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A POSSIBLE GRANT FOR THE SENIOR RESOURCE SPECIALIST

Elaine Bremner informed the Commission there is a possibility of a grant through United Way to fund a Resource Specialist. The grant could be \$10,000 to \$15,000 for critical needs. The list of needs for the grant includes a referral specialist and the Verde Valley Senior Center qualifies since they are a 501.3.c, which is another requirement. This could be collaboration between NACOG, City of Cottonwood, Cottonwood Senior Commission and the Verde Valley Senior Center. The Senior Center would be the fiscal agent, and NACOG would assist with the training through their Title 5 for 55 and older seniors. Elaine Bremner and Beth Carrigan met with Mayor Diane Joens prior to this meeting, and the Mayor suggested that Kyla Allen might be able to assist with the grant writing. The funding of the grant would be effective October 1, 2009.

Elaine Bremner has already met a lady who is looking for work, and informed the Commission that she qualifies for the training through NACOG. The lady has office experience and could step in and start until the grant funds are available. Janice Montgomery moved to proceed with writing the grant, and Max Brown seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FILLING THE VACANT SEATS ON THE COMMISSION

There are currently two vacant seats on the Commission. Jim Stande resigned and Ron Goldman's term expired in December, 2008. Mr. Goldman was unable to re-apply for the Commission. Mr. Stande's position was for a citizen 65 years or over, and Mr. Goldman was a provider. As of January 16th, there was only one application turned into Human Resources. They have informed Linda Norman the ads in the local newspaper will be extended in order to acquire more applications. Beth Carrigan has spoken to one or two individuals that would be good Commissioners. She will give them an application and encourage them to apply. In the discussion of how the vacancies were filled, Linda informed the Commissioners, the City Council would review the applications and select replacements. The Commissioners ask if they might be able to see the applications prior to the Council making their selection.

Janice Montgomery moved to request viewing the applications at the February 26th meeting. Max Brown seconded, and motion carried.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Janice Montgomery works at Mingus Union High School in the Special Ed Dept. She stated her Department is interested in finding ways to help get the higher level students into job training. Janice wondered if anyone had suggestions as to how to get these students involved with Senior Citizens. They would appreciate any suggestions that would help these students be involved in the community.

Beth Carrigan suggested the next agenda include - progress on the grant through United Way, review of the Commission applicants and discussion of the goals for the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Elaine Bremner, and seconded by Max Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.