

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 24, 2011 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Elaine Bremner, Chairperson
Jake Gonzales, Vice Chairperson
Max Brown, Commission Member
Dave Puzas, Commission Member
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
John O'Neill, Commission Member
Iris Dobler, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman was not available to attend.

Mayor Diane Joens attended.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Vice Chairperson Gonzales moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Dobler seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Prime Time Fair by Chairman Elaine Bremner.

- Booths sold out in 2 weeks; 4 of 6 classrooms reserved @ \$400/day
- Yavapai Broadcasting will be there
- First aid will be provided by Verde Valley Fire District (since AHA is in the County)
- Tables/chairs will be delivered between 1-3 PM on Friday, May 6
- Max Brown has secured APS trash containers
- Leonard Miller will MC the event w/Richard Dehnert's assistance
- Free CAT shuttle around AHA parking lot
- Directional signs (sandwich board type) will be put out on the corner of Main & Cherry Sts.
- Music: Old Time Fiddlers; Trio from Sedona; local Irish entertainer
- Food – still up in the air; Elaine will be speaking with the Knights of Columbus; they may be interested again

- Free lunch for vendors
- Door prize drawing for those who complete the surveys
- Still to be done/handled:
 - o Posters (Pam Miller)
 - o Packets (Christian w/Chamber or Commerce)
 - o Collect fees by 4/15; or next on waiting list gets called
 - o Signage (Max Castillo has the sandwich boards)
 - Check on City P&Z permit (Iris checked, and has been advised we don't need a permit)
 - o Doorprizes (Chamber of Commerce is getting them)
 - o Neighborhood notification (Paula Kelly & Max Brown)
 - o Clean-up (Elaine is coordinating with Trustees)
 - o Coffee urns (Iris Dobler will borrow from several City departments)
 - o Raffle drum (Paula Kelly will check – Chamber may have access to one)

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Elaine Bremmer discussed the Senior Commission Mission Statement & duties. She asked whether there was any conflict between them; no one seemed to feel there was. Mayor Joens stated she would be happy to read the current code and discuss it with the City Attorney. She will bring it to the City Council for further discussion if needed.
- Ideas for future Senior Commission activities:
 - o Ask Fair attendees (in survey) what services they would like to see in the area
 - o Promote things to raise funds to be sure the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels can continue (Paula read an article about government funds being cut for programs like this)
 - o Apply for grants
 - o Books on Wheels for homebound seniors (Dave Puzas said the Clarkdale Library wants to do something like this; John O'Neill said the Cottonwood Library already does this). Someone asked if it might be possible to have the books delivered along with the Meals on Wheels program – however, timing could be a problem, due to the meals needing to be delivered quickly. Elaine said the Senior Center could put notices on menus.
- Chairman Bremner was interviewed by Mayor Joens for a recent program of “Inside Cottonwood” – this is resulting in lots of new contacts/clients for the Senior Center.
- The next Planning Committee meeting for the Prime Time Fair is scheduled for April 5, 3:00 PM in the Senior Center. All Senior Commission members are welcome to attend. Final planning, add assignments for the Fair will be discussed. The next regular meeting
- of the Senior Commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 3:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairperson Puzas to adjourn. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.