

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MARCH 26, 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

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Duane Kirby
Linda Norman

COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET AND WELCOME THE NEW APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Jake Gonzales was appointed to serve on the Senior Commission by the Cottonwood City Council on March 17, 2009. Jake was welcomed to the Senior Commission by all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OFF FEBRUARY 26, 2009

It was moved by Evelyn Couturier and seconded by Max Brown to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF HOLDING AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

Max Brown reported that he had spoken to Elaine Bremner about a date to hold an Open House. The calendar for the Senior Center is open on Wednesday, April 22nd. The Open House could start about 12:30 or 1 PM so that the individuals in the Senior Center having lunch could be a part of the Open House. Max suggested that it would be a good idea to have an introduction of the Senior Commissioners and then open the floor for the individuals to ask questions and express their concerns. There was also a discussion about possibly holding an Open House at Pine Shadows, Cottonwood Village, Verde Valley Manor, Rio Del Oro Park and Verde Valley Medical Center.

There was some discussion about meeting prior to April 22nd in order to plan the format for the Open House. April 8th was suggested, however, after the meeting that date did not work out. April 16th at 10 AM was selected for the planning date. Duane Kirby reminded the Commissioners that any needs that involved funding should then be taken to the City Council for approval.

Max Brown and Jake Gonzales volunteered to distribute flyers about the Open House.

Elaine Bremner had also informed Max that she could have something special on the menu at the Senior Center on April 22nd. That could possibly help bring up the attendance.

UPDATE ON THE APPLICATION FOR A TITLE V PERSON, AND RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE UNITED WAY GRANT

Due to the absence of Commissioner Elaine Bremner, there was no update available. Chairman Carrigan did report that Elaine has found someone who qualifies under the Title V funding, and she is being trained.

The United Way grant has been submitted. The monies would not be available until October of 2009 if granted.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

There was some discussion regarding the Commission having a booth at the Verde Valley Job Fair. Due to the lack of time to prepare, there was no decision to participate.

Jake Gonzales shared some information with the Commissioners regarding the 2006 Census, and the number of Senior Citizens in our area.

Duane Kirby and Jake Gonzales will be attending the Governor's Conference on Aging on April 1st in Phoenix.

Linda Norman had heard that Dave Puzas, who recently retired from the City offices, might qualify as a Commissioner to fill the Provider vacancy. Duane Kirby suggested the requirements for a Commissioner may need to be reviewed and revised. Linda will check with Marianne at City Hall about Dave Puzas serving.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.