

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD APRIL 24, 2008 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Linda Norman, Secretary, took roll call as follows:

Commission Members Present

Beth Carrigan, Chairman
Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman
Ron Goldman, Commission Member
James Strande, Commission Member
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Janice Montgomery, Commission Member
Evelyn Couturier, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

Council Members Absent

Duane Kirby

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2008

Commissioner Goldman moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chairman Elaine Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MISSION STATEMENT

There was some discussion about what a mission statement should include. After some discussion Vice Chairman Bremner read a mission statement for the Senior Commission. Further discussion concluded with a couple of minor changes. The following was read to the Senior Commission as the Mission Statement:

“The Senior Commission was formed by the City of Cottonwood to promote services and information resources for a maturing population.”

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Mission Statement as read. Vice Chairman Bremner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF DETAILS ABOUT A VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR TO BE HELD AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER, AND APPROVE MAY 22, 2008 AS A DATE

The Commissioners discussed May 22nd as a possible date for a Recruitment Fair. It was suggested that due to some of the Senior Citizens leaving the area for the summer months, and the Senior Center is already scheduled with various events for the month of May; in order to attract a better attendance, it might be better to wait until October. This item will be placed on the July, 2008 agenda to be discussed in detail.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A SAMPLE SURVEY THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION MEMBERS BY CHAIRPERSON CARRIGAN

Chairman Carrigan provided the Commissioners with two different surveys. There was a discussion as to whether another survey was really needed – what are the results of other surveys – should the Commission invite someone who had already completed a survey to speak at the next meeting. Chairman Carrigan suggested inviting Christine Bryson-Lazo of the Verde Valley Senior Coalition to the next meeting. However, since her schedule would not allow her to come to an afternoon meeting, the Commission would have to change the May meeting to a morning meeting. It was also discussed about possibly having all of the future meetings in the mornings. Commissioner Brown moved to change the Commission meetings to 9:00 AM rather than 1:00 PM. Vice Chairman Bremner seconded the motion. Chairman Carrigan will contact Christine about speaking at the May meetings about her completed surveys. The Commission agreed to also move back to the Police Sub Station in Old Town for the future meetings.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Vice Chairman Bremner shared information and brochures she had received from Anne Leap, Senior Referral Specialist for the City of Sedona.

She also informed the Commissioners about the play, “Goodbye Charlie” that will be playing at the Verde Valley Senior Center during the month of May.

ESTABLISH AN AGENDA FOR THE MAY 22, 2008 MEETING

The Commissioners discussed what other items should be discussed at the May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stande seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.