

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD MAY 24, 2012 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Dobler called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Iris Dobler, Chairperson
John O'Neill, Vice Chairperson
Max Brown, Commission Member
Paula Kelly, Commission Member
Beverly Emerson, Commission Member
Elaine Bremner, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Dave Puzas, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

Guest Present

Pam Miller

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2012

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Pam Miller from the Verde Independent expressed thanks from herself and Lana Tolleson for all of the help from the Senior Commission members at the Prime Time Fair. She shared some of the comments from the vendors and attendees.

- * Everyone loved the passports
- * Majority of attendees were 60 and over
- * 4 hours was a good time for several of the vendors
- * Food provided by the Senior Center was good
- * Some complained about the music being too loud
- * In the future, need to have speakers and presentations
- * In the future, need information on transportation, information on vitamins, and someone to talk about addictions.
- * Approximately 350 attendees
- * Some said the location was not good

Commissioners all agreed, the event was good and should continue.

b. Chairperson Dobler reported that she has talked to a couple of people on the City Staff about a Referral Service to provide information to the Seniors of our Community. There would be a space and computer in the City offices to use for this service. It would need volunteers to man the phone and provide the information. She asked the Commissioners to keep the idea in mind, and it can be discussed again. She will continue to work on the location and details.

Chairperson also talked briefly about working with groups of kids interacting with Seniors to celebrate special events. Maybe involve National Honor Society, Girl/Boy Scouts or any other youth groups.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Dobler reported the Free Safety Training for Managing Worker's Compensation and Hazard Identification event has been scheduled for Thursday, July 12th from 1 – 4 PM. It will be held in the Dragonfly Lounge at Cliff Castle Casino Hotel. If this training group decides to continue, one of the future trainings could be the 10-hours OSHA training.

Chairperson Dobler also passed out an email from Constance Howard, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, who is requesting assistance from the Senior Commission for a project in Cottonwood. She is working with the Yavapai County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to promote emergency preparedness. They want assistance collecting, storing, putting together and distributing 3-day emergency preparedness kits for vulnerable populations in the Verde Valley. The Commission members discussed this item, and it was decided we had more questions before a commitment could be made. Iris will contact Ms. Howard to see if she'd be available to meet with us at our June 28 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Brown to adjourn. Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.