

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD JUNE 23, 2011 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 3:38 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

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

Commission Members Absent

John O'Neill, Commission Member

Council Members Present

Linda Norman

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one from the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2011

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

OLD BUSINESS

a.

Chairperson Bremner reported that she has not received an accounting of the funds received or distributed for the Prime Time Fair held on May 7, 2011. The Chamber of Commerce handled the funding, and Chairperson Bremner will be meeting with Lana Tolleson of the Chamber and Pam Miller of the Verde Valley Newspaper on July 1st. She is hoping an accounting will be available at that time, so everyone will know how much was collected and how much was spent. She plans on asking Lana and Pam to attend the July 28th Commission meeting with an accounting.

The Commissioners discussed some of the comments made at the Prime Time Fair. Some of the comments are as follows:

- Recycle bins needed along with trash bins
- Music too loud, need to be away from vendors area
- Event time should be 9 AM- 2 PM or 10 AM-2 PM
- Rotate seminars for better chance to attend more than one. Seminars were not well attended

- * Hospital staff booth was not in the same area as other providers
- Two tables for check- in was confusing
- More seating for visitors
- Split duties of the volunteers, some felt not needed at times
- Indicate to volunteers what their duties are
- Raffle tickets were confusing, need to have different colored tickets for each drawing
- Provide transportation from parking area to location of event
- Flyers distributed prior to the event need to be 8 1/2 X 11 inches only. Businesses do not like large items in their windows

b.

Chairperson Bremner stated besides providing a pamphlet, she has some information for the Commission members. She has been working with staff from NAIPTA (Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority) to develop a Taxi voucher system for the Cottonwood area. The funding will be supplied by NAIPTA and NACOG (Northern Arizona Council of Government) for a two year period. The program will provide taxi service to those who use the CAT system for door to door service. Individuals can use the vouchers to come to the Senior Center for lunch, then again to go shopping or to appointments. The program will be less expensive than sending a CAT bus to provide the same service.

Chairperson Bremner is not sure if Verde Valley Care Givers, Vet Van and others Who provide transportation will be involved at this time. The taxi voucher program will be a better and less expensive way to get those who are disabled or unable to drive to their various destinations. This service is just another great service that can be added to a pamphlet.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Gonzales to adjourn. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011.