

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA, HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT THE VERDE VALLEY SENIOR CENTER LOCATED AT 500 E. CHERRY STREET, COTTONWOOD, ARIZONA.

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

ROLL CALL

Roll call was as follows:

Commission Members Present

Elaine Bremner, Vice Chairman  
Janice Montgomery, Commission Member  
Dave Puzas, Commission Member  
Jake Gonzales, Commission Member  
Max Brown, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent

Council Members Present

Duane Kirby  
Linda Norman

Guest Present

Joyce Carlson – CJ'S Need a Lift

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There was no one present to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

Commissioner Max Brown moved to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Jake Gonzales seconded. Motion carried.

AT THIS TIME Vice Chairman Bremner requested item 6.a be next on the agenda, since there was someone present to provide information for the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS – CJ'S NEED A LIFT INFORMATION

Joyce Carlson was present from CJ'S Need a Lift. CJ'S has a contract with Verde Valley Medical Center to give out vouchers to individuals when they need a ride home from the hospital. Without a voucher, the charge from the hospital to anywhere in Clarkdale and Cottonwood is a \$10.00 fare. Any other fares range from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Joyce informed the Commission members that Marcel Peters is the contact at the hospital. Most of the individuals they provide transportation for, are those who have been in the emergency room. Transportation can also be provided for short shopping trips. CJ'S is interested in working with the Senior Commission to improve transportation for Senior Citizens in need. .

There was a question as to how the Hospital decides who to give the vouchers to. Since Joyce did not know the answer, Vice Chairman Bremner stated it would be a good idea to invite Marcel Peters or someone from the hospital to a meeting for more information about the voucher system.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### REVIEW OF THE NACOG WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

The program is working, but the list is long, with at least a two week waiting period. Most of the work has been in the Prescott and Flagstaff areas. Council Member Duane Kirby hopes to have more information later, so it was agreed this item should be kept on the next agenda for discussion.

#### DISCUSSION OF FUTURE EVENTS

Vice Chairman Bremner stated she would like for each Commissioner to bring back to the next meeting in January, any ideas they might have about hosting a Prime Time Fair. At the January meeting, all of the thoughts can be discussed. This type Fair can include all health care providers, insurance providers, hospital information, VET information, etc. Vice Chairman Bremner worked with some other individuals a few years ago. There should be rental for a booth and possibly sponsorships. It was agreed that next Fall would be a good time for such an event.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR NEW COMMISSIONERS

Linda Norman shared some information that she had received from the City Clerk, Marianne Jimenez, regarding the Commissioners reviewing and recommending individuals to be approved by the City Council. Marianne Jimenez stated, if the Senior Commission wants to review the application/applications we will have to return to the Council with an ordinance amending the duties of the Senior Commission.

The City Attorney does not recommend individual boards or commissions make a recommendation on which applicants the Council should appoint as you may end up with a board comprised of "friends" who may think alike on issues and may sway how the Commission handles things, instead of an unbiased board.

Linda did advise the Commissioners they are welcome to attend the meetings where the City Council is deciding on new members for the Commission, and they are also allowed to speak in favor of an individual applying for the Commission.

PROVIDE INPUT ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS OF INTEREST

Vice Chairman Bremner informed the Commissioners that the Senior Center hosted a play on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was well publicized in the Verde Independent. There will be a Cottonwood Chamber Mixer at the Senior Center on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzales, and seconded by Commissioner Puzas to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.