

## Commission on Aging - Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Bordwell Park – Stratton Center, 2008 Martin Luther King Blvd. Riverside 92507

Call to Order: 4:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Guest Introductions:

Public Comment:

**Don Coon:** discussed the volunteer program and the need for tutors. Also, shared that the Family Service Association – mobile fresh produce van and the need for volunteers to assist in distributing produce/vegetables. Promoted Meals on Wheels (meals for our seniors and the need for volunteers).

**Commissioners in attendance:** Cheryl Tavaglione, Julie Brown-Tartaglino, Sandy R. Tarmo, Bud Fish, Shari L. Fleishman, Vicki L. Broach, Krista R. Dixon and Wilma C. VanGundy, Frank E. Whatley and Michelle C. Hesse.

### Item # 3:

Cassandra Jones with the Deana Foundation discussed the foundation and how it serves families who are affected with Alzheimer's and related Dementias. This foundation was created in 2015 and has already awarded 3 grants to families in need.

Cassandra shared her personal struggles as her mother was diagnosed at the early age of 50 with Alzheimer's.

This non-profit is presenting a Memory Masquerade Gala on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm at Dales Senior Center.

### CHP presentation:

Officer Olivas with the CHP (Riverside station) provided a quick overview of the CHP's Age Well, Drive Smart Program for older drivers. The CHP is focused on keeping older drivers safe...they are committed to providing information/resources to ensure senior drivers have the necessary tools to be safe drivers.

It is estimated that by 2020 there will be 4.0 million drivers on the road, who will be over 65 years of age. This program wants to educate seniors to be safer drivers.

This program is available to all senior drivers in California.

**Shari Fleishman**: suggested that CHP be invited to future commission events.

**Sandy Tarmo**: shared that she's been working with CHP (officer Olivas) and plans to invite them to future events.

**Approval of Minutes**: Vicki L. Broach 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Bud Fish 2<sup>nd</sup> – all others in favor

**Item #4:**

Attendance discussion for Michelle C. Hesse and Frank E. Whatley

**Item #5:**

**Shari Fleishman**: discussed the Boat Float Event and shared how floatable boats are created to recognize those who are ill (Alzheimer's and Dementia) as well as those who have passed away, Family members and loved ones are also acknowledged.

This event is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 4-7pm.

Item # 6

**Shari Fleishman** – shared what she envisions as an opportunity to offer seniors transportation to events around town. One idea was the opportunity to solicit companies to offer tickets to our seniors and then perhaps arrange Bill Abboud with Senior Guide pay for the transportation.

Item # 7

**Sandy Tarmo** – shared that the committee for Senior Day has been fully engaged in preparing for this upcoming day. The committee has met several times, working on flyers, nomination forms, stuffing envelopes, etc. This event is taking on August 21, 2017

**Frank Whatley**: shared that he'll be dropping by Raincross at Riverside and sharing resources (services, transportation info, etc.) to seniors.

**Shari Fleishman**: Meeting Adjourned @ 5:10 PM