

Commission on Aging Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
4:00 – 5:30 PM
Janet Goeske Senior Center

Minutes:

Call to Order: 4:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioners in attendance: **Sandy Tarmo, Margery Miller, Bud Fish, Julie Brown-Tartaglino, Cheryl Tavaglione, Bob Reeves, Shari Fleischman, Krista Dixon, Vick Broach and Cindi Pardee**

Guests in attendance: **Lorena Verduco, Patricia Solano, Ron Profeta, Vivian Stancil, Turner Stancil, J. Paul Elliott III, Ed Miller, Bill Abbott, Linda Biswas, Martha Carrillo, Steven Bolz and Rich Gardner**

Guest Introductions:

Rich Gardner – spoke to Patti and Ron with Special Transit – regarding the purple city alliance logo being displayed on their busses. Shared that the Purple Boat Float event is taking in Nov.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Reeves 1st and Krista Dixon 2nd all others in agreement, Bob Reeves did ask that a small correction be made regarding his opposition to adjourning the meeting earlier than the scheduled 5:30 pm meeting time.

Ron Profeta - Special Transportation Manager with Parks, Recreation and Community Services: shared a transportation update related to a proposed fare increase for the Special Transportation Program. The following was provided:

1. Proposed a fare increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00
2. Discussed electronic forms of payments
3. AB 2766 (Subvention Fund Program) operational cost for new projects, passenger fare subsidies.
4. SB 508 – enacted in October 2015 allowing local funds to be used to help meet the fare box ratio requirement

Steve Bolz - an inspector with the United States Postal Inspection Service spoke on the topic of “Fraud” and the impact this is having on our seniors.

1. Shared examples how fraud has impacted families in the City of Desert Hot Springs
2. Common traits of sweepstakes frauds
3. Counterfeit Money Orders and Checks

Julie Brown - discussed October 13th as the day for the Health and Fitness event (Bud, Cheryl and Krista to help). Schedule of events could include: Senior Olympics, Softball, Health/Fitness.

Shari Fleischman - met with Jim Lawson (Oakmont Senior Living) she attended a meeting related to this proposed development and things didn't go well - strong opposition from the residents: traffic concerns, two story building, etc.

Bob Reeves – the commission should not be supporting these projects.

Shari Fleischman - Senior Day would be a symposium format, with a panel of 6-8 discussing Alzheimer's.

Sandy Tarmo – shared that Senior Day would take place at La Sierra Senior Center, because it could accommodate the softball games. At this year's event the Mayor and Councilmembers would each present a certificate to a senior.

Shari Fleishman – discussed the purpose of the Boat Float Event: recognizing residents who are ill, those who have passed away and acknowledging family members. 200 floatable boats launched into the water. This year's event is taking place on Nov 6th from 3:30 to 5:30 or so. (Marge Miller and Krista Dixon) will be helping this year.

Sandy Tarmo – asked for new business or items for future considerations

Bob Reeves - additional public service announcements could be offered by way of Riverside Public Utilities.

Krista Dixon – there is a big need for additional housing (apartments, etc.) for our seniors.

Sandy Tarmo - Meeting Adjourned @ 5:30 pm