

Commission on Aging - **Minutes**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

4:00 – 5:30 PM

La Sierra Senior Center – 5215 La Sierra Ave Riverside 92505

Call to Order: 4:04 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Guest Introductions: Six (6) members present

Public Comment:

Kristen Synder – from Welbrook Senior Living - shared that her elderly residents received the Love for the Elderly cards and that they were extremely grateful. Seven (7) residents will be celebrating their 100th birthdays and two (2) will be celebrating 107. A big event is taking place acknowledging these birthdays on March 24th @ 2:00 pm.

Thurman Howard – discussed Master Gardening and shared the many opportunities available for the community to learn about gardening and the requirements for becoming Master Gardeners.

Bill Abbott – spoke about the newly updated California Senior Guide website and his interest in partnering with seniors/senior facilities/assisted living facilities who might have transportation needs. .

Commissioners in attendance: **Cheryl Tavaglione, Frank E. Whatley, Krista R. Dixon, Michelle C. Hesse, Bud Fish, Sandy R. Tarmo, Shari L. Fleischman, Wilma C. VanGundy and Donna L. Mitas**

Approval of Minutes: Krista Dixon 1st followed by Michelle Hesse 2nd all others in favor.

Commissioners Absent: Vicki L. Broach and Julie Brown-Tartaglino

Sandy Tarmo – shared that the Nomination Committee met and that the election of officers took place. New Officers for 2017: Shari L. Fleischman (Chair), Bud Fish (1st Chair) and Vicki L. Broach (2nd Chair).

Sandy Tarmo – congratulated Commissioner Whatley for his efforts in promoting the Love for the Elderly cards.

Frank Whatley – shared that the Love for the Elderly Cards were given to some local schools to complete and once completed these cards were dropped off at a few senior living facilities – the purpose was to provide our elderly with love and appreciation.

Shari Fleischman – inquired about Oakmont Development (proposed senior living facility) – it appears that this facility was never supported by the community - a lawsuit was filed to prevent this development from going forward?

Krista Dixon – shared that she would inquire about the status of this once proposed development.

Sandy Tarmo – shared her discussion with the CHP and their Age Well, Drive Smart program – she's hoping to promote this program within the city. Sandy, also shared that Senior Day is taking place on August 21st at City Hall (Awards Reception). She further stated that each commissioner should contact 20 businesses within their Ward and promote Senior Day.

Shari Fleischman – suggested a marketing committee be formed (Michelle, Krista, Shari) to further promote the commission meetings and all other events taking place.

Frank Whatley – Shared that he had a conversation with Nancy Melendrez (Tamale Festival) regarding the possibility of providing transportation to our seniors for this upcoming event.

Sandy Tarmo - Meeting Adjourned @ 5:02 pm