

**CITY OF BUENA PARK
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION MEETING
February 25, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Libeta called the Senior Citizens Commission meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., Buena Park Community Center, Ballroom 6688 Beach Boulevard, Buena Park, California.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ferguson, Foust, Reynolds, Wang, Libeta, Park, Shields

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Box, Director of Community Services
Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary
Mark Saucedo, Community Services Supervisor
Joe Pak, Representative from Office of Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva 65
Timothy Huynh, Mercy House Representative

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Reynolds

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting of January 28, 2021

*** *M/S/P* – Commissioner Libeta made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Ferguson seconds the motion to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Pak from The Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk Silva's Office spoke at the meeting about the services at their office as well as past and upcoming events his office is hosting.

3. DIRECTOR'S/STAFF REPORT/CITY UPDATES:

Jim Box announced the upcoming Community meeting on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00 am for the installation of exercise equipment at Images Park. The Community Services Department received a grant from St. Jude Hospital for the new equipment but are seeking community input. The Rick Gomez Park Groundbreaking Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10:00 am. There will be a photo opportunity for the City Council, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the Gomez family.

Jim Box updated the Commission on city facilities and staff. Mark Saucedo will be transferring to the Community Services Department as of March 8, 2021. The Senior Center, which is still currently closed but we are holding virtual classes for seniors along with an outdoor Zumba Class. The Community Center is open, but we are not holding any indoor activities with the exception of Special Needs Martial Arts, and First Aid and CPR, which have been deemed an essential service. The Community Gymnasium remains closed. The Community Gardens is open as well as all parks with safety measures and social distancing in place. Pools will open in the spring too as swim lessons have been deemed essential.

Mr. Mark Saucedo reported on the existing programming at the Senior Activity Center and the new recruitment for part time staff.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Discussion on Navigation Center – Presented by Mercy House
Timothy Huynh spoke to the Commission on the Navigation Center and the services Mercy House offers.
- b. Discussion on Volunteer Recognition – Presented by Mark Saucedo
Vice Chair Foust made a motion to approve the request to use the \$1600 allocated by the Commission from 2020. Commissioner Wang seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

AYES: 7 Ferguson, Foust, Reynolds, Wang, Libeta, Park, Shields
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

January 2021

- a. Senior Center Development Fund – Reynolds: Beginning Balance \$32,389.12; Revenue \$530.00; Expenditures \$800.00; Ending Balance \$32,119.12
- b. Gift Shop – Wang: Beginning Balance \$7,784.99; Revenue \$0; Expenditures \$0; Ending Balance \$7,784.99.
- c. Nutrition – Park - Community Service 5655; Meals on Wheels 734; Home Delivered Meals 774; Senior Grocery Program 1904; USDA Food Distribution 275; Total Persons 9342.
- d. Senior Services – Reynolds: Month Participants 581; Year to date 2683.
- e. Senior Classes –Libeta: Month Participation 137; Year to Date 1089.
- f. Adult Day Care –Shields: Enrollment 0; Year to Date 0; Average Daily Attendance 0.
- g. Bingo –Ferguson: Revenue \$0; Expenditures \$199.48; Excess Cash -\$199.48.
- h. Senior Activities –Shields: Monthly Participants 238; Year to Date 1959.
- i. Volunteer Attendance –Wang: Volunteers 34; Hours 314.
- j. Club Activities –Ferguson: Month Participants 77; Year to Date 819.
- k. User Groups –Libeta: Monthly Participants 26; Year to Date 272.
- l. Special Events –Park: Participants 116, Year to Date 1566.
- m. ST*R Transportation–Libeta: Non-Emergency Medical Transportation 142; Senior Center 0; Nutrition 461; Shopping 0; Other Trips 0; Total 603.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Commissioner Wang would like to agendized having a report on Senior Grocery Program for the meeting in March.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next Regular City Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 5:00 pm.
- b. Next Regular Senior Citizens Commission Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 9:00 am.

8. ATTENDANCE SHEET:

9. ADJOURNMENTS: No further business, Commissioner Wang declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

ATTEST:



Sylvia Gonzales, Recording Secretary



Wanda Reynolds, Chair