

Manhattan Beach Senior Advisory Committee

1:00 pm – May 20th, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present: Kate Nelson, Madonna Newburg, Diane Campisi, Steve DeBaets, Gwen Binegar, Ken Thompson, Marcella David. Council Member: David Lesser and Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Tom Allard. Staff: Director Parks & Recreation Mark Leyman, Eve Kelso, Members Absent: Deirdre C. Murray, Emily Borrelli. Guests: No guests this meeting

Welcome – Chair, Kate Nelson welcomed all attendees and called the meeting to order

Minutes – April Minutes were approved with corrections

Priority Action Items for this and next month.

Approval of By-Laws changes – The by-laws have been approved conditionally subject to further interpretation by the City Attorney. Question: Does SAC fall under Brown Act? City Attorney stated not as currently configured.

Library progress – Grand Opening on target for April, 2015

Part Time Staff Increases – David Lesser and Mark Leyman acknowledged and explained some challenges with part time help and highlighted a complicated process involved in City employee pay change process. New minimum wage laws will likely play a role in determining city services and employee pay and benefits.

Town Hall Meeting 2014 – Kate Nelson reported that the sub-committee is still considering ideas, but would like to include the Mayor's Youth Council in determining a theme and topics. David Lesser emphasized the importance of the intergenerational aspect of the event.

Educational TV Channel 35 & 8 are the city's current community channel. City Council Member Lesser stated this falls under Information Services division which is overworked and understaffed with other priority Internet related needs. An increase is in the proposed budget for this division. Beyond that the proposed Mall upgrade project is consuming City Council attention and near term Agenda. On a positive note, new City Manager Mark Danaj, has background expertise in Internet matters and Councilman David Lesser spoke of the great need for all City's to expand in this area, going forward.

Joslyn Reception Area – Eve Kelso reported that proposed changes have been submitted to the City, and we are waiting for cost estimates.

Scout House Updates - Steve DeBaets reported that the "Friends of Senior & Scout Community Center" has appointed Mike Tauber as Chairman and Joan Jones as Secretary. In addition, Friends of Senior & Scout Community Center has secured another \$2-300,000 "Matching Grant" donation from the Manhattan Beach Property Owners. Madonna Newburg requested Steve DeBaets of the "Friends of Senior & Scout Community Center" to provide SAC with a written report of all meetings of the organization so SAC can be aware of progress and obstacles to the project's success.

Sub-Committee Reports

- Marketing/Publicity – Diane Campisi reported the subcommittee has designed and submitted a prototype Older Adult Program brochure to be inserted in City utility bills. Another version will be made into bookmarks as giveaways. The Beach Report ad is waiting budget approval.
- Sports – Tom sent sports attendance stats out earlier in month.
- Transportation – No items proposed, yet, deemed to important to remove at this time.
- Budget –Madonna offered an excellent document outlining expenditures and OAP budget overview of how this relates to achieving SAC goals in 2014. OAP budget, if approved will go from \$286,000 to \$309,000. 66% of this budget is in salaries & benefits.
- Development/Grants, Arts, Culture & Education – On May 8th, Gwen Binegar was recognized by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) for achievements as an Outstanding Older American Volunteer.

Reports by Staff

- Eve Kelso – Spoke of event, Celebrate Older Americans Month, held Sunday May 25th at the Joslyn Center from 1-4pm. View creations by older adults and enjoy La Mer Consort who will perform at 2pm. Health Fair a success with 250 happy attendees.

Reports from Clubs, SRC, At-Large Members, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

- Ken Thompson – Manhattan Heights Club – reported Club activities are going well. Kitchen is still not being maintained well enough. 2 tripping hazards have surfaced at Manhattan Heights. Mark Leyman offered he would look into the tripping hazards reported as the City still has work orders for repairs. Mark also said the next budget if approved will have money for a Porter service to better maintain the cleanliness of city buildings.
- Marcella David – Joslyn Club – reported Club activities going well. A motion was carried that Marcella David and Seniors from the Oasis will become an ad hoc committee to generate ambiance improvement ideas and options to this end.
- Madonna Newburg – Senior Citizens Resources Committee, related the goal of increasing SCRC visibility in the community. Two SCRC members were interviewed on the HealthyLife.net broadcast on May 2nd. SCRC encouraged SAC to use HealthyLife.net for future OA programs. The May/June "Senior Stories" has been published. SCRC is helping Sunday, May 25th, to celebrate Older Americans month with music and displays.
- Parks & Rec Commissioner Tom Allard – Work on Proposed Skate Board continues. 18 attended inaugural Pickle Ball offering. Pickle Ball now offered 10am every Tuesday at Manhattan Heights.

New Business –

- New BCHD representative, attend future SAC meeting?
- Home Town Fair accepting applications for participation. Any new ideas?
- New Sept. OLLI classes to feature Popular American Songs before each class session.
- Is Joslyn Center being utilized to best advantage? Review activities relating to rooms and times.
- How SAC might relate with City Council going forward? Should SAC try to be more

Meeting was adjourned and next meeting to be held Tuesday, June 17th @ 1:00 PM