

**Manhattan Beach Senior Advisory Committee**  
**1:00 pm – September 16th, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**SAC Members Present:** Kate Nelson, Diane Campisi, Patrick McBride, Emily Borrelli, Gwen Binegar, Ken Thompson, Marcella David, Deirdre Murray. Steve DeBaets. SAC Members Absent – None Attendees: City Council Member David Lesser, Parks & Recreation representatives: Mark Leyman, Jan Buike, Eve Kelso, Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Tom Allard. Guest: Barbara Thompson & Bill Victor

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

**Minutes** – August Minutes were approved w changes. It was recommended the minutes be received and filed for City Council. Budget clarifications. Staff to look into having the minutes being received and filed and posted on the website. . Repository process to be moved to new business

**Priority Action Items**

**City Council Report** – Wayne Powell to become new Mayor. Wayne Powell is the new alternate to SAC replacing Mark Burton, David Lesser is still the Council Rep. to SAC. Edison update – Community Meetings posted on the City Website. The third one will take place at the City Yard. 60% of our power outage failures etc was due to poor equipment. Areas that need to be upgraded are located on the City Website.

**How SAC Works** – Patrick doesn't like the SAC by laws (that SAC Members spent 3 months rewriting and approved by the City Attorney). Patrick McBride made a motion to write an opinion with regard to the bylaws and have them submitted and printed on the Sept minutes. The motion was amended after discussion that the opinion on the bylaws be considered for the Oct Agenda. *Patrick McBride was not happy that Parks and Rec did not vet the added Thursday lunch or discuss the Wave church's use of the Joslyn center with SAC. Moreover, he has issues with the by-laws. He requested to write a "dissenting opinion" on the bylaws much like supreme court justices write dissenting opinions on decisions they have issues with. He wanted this submitted and printed in the Sept minutes of SAC to avoid wasting the time of the SAC on discussion. The motion was amended after discussion that the opinion on the bylaws be considered for the Oct Agenda as a discussion item and not simply added to the minutes.*

**Scout House** – Nothing to report

**Library progress** – Keeping track of it's progress – still due to open April 2015. *Patrick McBride met with Don Gould, the library manager. Don stated there was nothing special for the seniors currently under consideration at the library.*

**Expand City TV Channel 35 & 8 utilization.** A task force consisting of Kate Nelson, Ken Thompson and Richard met with Lawndale Department Head, Tom Strickfaden, Lawndale's Cable Television Supervisor, a graduate of Film School with 17 years in the field. He, buys, fixes, maintains all equipment required to meet the city's needs. To create productions he employs 16-17 free lancers. This department has a very conservative budget of \$40K / year. Content direction is by a Board of Directors consisting of City Council Members who oversee and implement quality control. Ken handed bylaws and other documents outlining the overall effort, provided us by Lawndale, for staff to review. Implementing this in Manhattan Beach might allow those unable to better enjoy Mira Costa sports or plays, or new items like the Power System Improvement project a boon to Older Adults. Councilmember Lesser stated there were PEG Funds available for this and Mark Leyman and team are researching further for Oct 21st, present to City Council. He and all members of the task force were thanked for their time and dedication for researching this program.

This could offer great benefits to the City of Manhattan Beach and all residents – especially heightening awareness of Older Adult topics, events and issues etc. Councilmember Lesser stated there were PEG Funds available for this and Mark Leyman and team are researching further with regard to cost/ financials and will present to City Council. Tom Allard emailed all the SAC members a list of PEG funds collected in last 5 years by the City and how they were spent. He received this from Bruce Moe the City finance Director.

In Lawndale this program is chaired by a Board of Directors that consists of City Council Members who oversee the content and implement quality control. Ken handed out the bylaws and complete packet provided to us by Lawndale for staff to review. He and all members of the task force were thanked for their time and dedication for researching this program.

**Music & Memory** – Discussed at our last meeting. Music Therapy where seniors with dementia / alzheimers are provided with an ipod. Music is very beneficial and helps reverse / lessen these conditions. We are looking at being a screening site at the Joslyn Center for the movie.

**Hometown Fair** – SAC will sponsor an Older Adult Table located outside Joslyn Center. Need 6-7 volunteers. The following SAC Members signed up for this event – Marcela David, Emily Borelli, Gwen Binegar, Tom Allard, Diane Campisis, and Ken Thompson. SAC thanks you for your support.

**Annual City Intergenerational Event** – SAC to Co Sponsor along with Mayor’s Youth Council. This year will take a slightly different direction from last year. Date – Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – Noon. Format will feature a Keynote Speaker with group discussions and coffee, pastries will be served. Looking at also including a luncheon. A few topics being considered are: Talking about the differences and similarities between generations. Discussion pertaining to the inclusion of some sort of contest to be included but it was decided that for this year there was not enough time to put a contest together and this idea should be tabled to next year. Another topic to be considered is “What are the differences between the generations when it comes to consumerism. How do the younger generations view material goods as compared to their parents & grandparents?”. It was also discussed we might get members of the realstate community involved to heighten awareness of our wonderful history. Perhaps another topic would be preserving our history. Motion for SAC to Co Sponsor this event. Approved unanimously.

**Sunday Church in the Joslyn Center** – The Wave Church did a lot of outreach to the community. 100 – 120 attendees last Sunday. Staff organized reserved parking for all older adults. They are monitoring the impact on the community. Critical – how this will impact seniors. SAC Member comments stated it was noisy (lots going on @ Joslyn), not enough restrooms for so many people and perhaps some porta- potties could be brought in during service etc. to accommodate all the visitors to Joslyn on Sundays, Jan Buike was present to ensure everything was OK. All comments can be funneled to Mark Leyman for City Council review. *Patrick stated a set of regulations regarding the Joslyn Center 2502 – established in 1965 City Council established regulations which states you can not rent out a senior facility beyond 90 days out. This is violating the regulation. This is being looked into by staff. The City is collecting solid rent for this event and the funds are enough to include refurbishments when needed ( I don't think this last statement is accurate. I believe the funds go into the general funds and as such might not be available for refurbishment or anything related to P&R).* Keep this item on the agenda.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Lunch Bunch** – Contract for Gov to be accepted. Staff is willing to look at doing this independently. They are currently reviewing cost, time and quality. May not have the same start time depending on who this contract is awarded to. Lunch Bunch will be the tasters. Exploring options at this point. Same budget no change there. The process is going forward.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Marketing / Publicity** – Diane Campisi - Happy to announce we received 10 more Lunch Bunch coupons from the water bill insertion. We will use the bookmarks with coupon as giveaways for the Hometown Fair. Appointments with Kate Nelson and Gwen Binegar to investigate what can or can not be done with regard to intergenerational entertainment with Mira Costa High School. For example holding older / younger adult art exhibit etc. To be investigated and discussed further.

**Sports** – Tom Allard has sent sports attendance stats for the month. Discontinuing Snag Golf for now.

**Transportation** – Marcela David - New ideas to be considered. Perhaps Dial A Ride could extend its hours of operation while Oasis is open at least during the Summer during the weekdays. It was discussed there are times people have to leave an event early because that is the last ride. Something to consider.

**Budget** – Motion for Patrick McBride to be the Budget Committee. Motion was amended to have both Patrick McBride and Ken Thompson serve as committee member of the budget committee. Motion approved.

**OASIS Room ad hoc committee** – Marcela David is trying to make things simple. 6 tables in Oasis – take up too much space and are heavy and cumbersome. Card tables would be easier to move, don't need staff. Minimum effort for these to be reconfigured as needed. Jan Buike and Eve Kelso to look into this further.

**Development/Grants, Arts, Culture & Education** – Richard was recognized for all his contributions in this area as was Jan. Cultural Sunday Events going well and well attended. It was recommended staff look into use of the Police & Fire Community Room for this event as another option. Kate Nelson - Olly – kick off event went great. 1<sup>st</sup> one this Fri showcases women writers. History of Home – Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Reports by Staff

Jan Buike and Eve Kelso –Beach Cities Health District sponsoring Healthy Event Series. Safer Drivers – about 60 pp signed up for this. MB Police Dept and DMV will participate in the event. Joint project with Neptunian Women's Club. Blankets will be created for the Ronald McDonald House and all Older Adults are welcome to participate. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm – flyer out on this. Dial A Ride – Human Resources looking for a full time driver to begin in Oct.

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

**Ken Thompson – Manhattan Heights Club** – Doing well. Cleaning up it's member list. Social events i.e. bingo, pot lucks etc , well attended. All is good.

**Marcella David – Oasis** – reported Club activities going well. Bingo is a big hit – it is GREAT.

**Patrick McBride – Senior Resources Committee**– *Distributed new Senior Stories. Torrance has become a spokes for the Westchester Senior Village (actually Westchester Playa Village) and Palos Verdes is starting a Senior Village– a virtual village. (Hope they will open one in Manhattan Beach. Go online and open link to see what this is all about. – actually said there is none in MB and in response to Ken Thompson for further information I said that I would email him the link. This is <http://thewpv.clubexpress.com/>)*

**Diane Campisi - At Large** – Women to Women – Going well, they have attracted some new members.

Parks & Rec Commissioner Tom Allard – Nothing to report at the moment. Next meeting they are looking at doing something for Veterans.

## **New Business**

- Patrick McBride – Opinion on Bylaws
- Discuss repository process for SAC Minutes
- Include priority items City Council Report, Scout House update, Library progress, Educational Television, Channels 35 and 8
- Music and Memory, Hometown Fair update. Annual City Intergenerational Event, Sunday Church at Joslyn, Lunch Bunch

Meeting was adjourned and next meeting to be held Tuesday, October 21st @ 1:00 PM

Minutes created by Deirdre C. Murray