

Manhattan Beach Senior Advisory Committee Minutes  
January 09, 2018

Members Present: Steve DeBaets, Wayne Powell, Diane Campisi, Marcia Gelfand, Dayle Eisenhauer, Ken Thompson (Manhattan Heights Senior Club), Betty Young (Manhattan Beach Senior Club), Karen Russo (Senior Resource Committee)

Members Absent: Kathleen Galvin

City Council Representative: Nancy Hersman  
Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Sue Allard  
Parks & Recreation Staff: Mark Leyman, Adela Cornejo, Eve Kelso  
Visitors: None

#### PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chair Steve DeBaets. Motion to approve the November minutes by Wayne Powell, carried unanimously. Motion to approve Agenda carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT: Nancy Hersman reported the new budget process has begun. January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm, at the Joslyn Center, the public is invited to the interactive meeting and provide input on their wants and wishes. A follow up review will take place in March and winding up on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The process has begun to select a new City Manager. Bruce Moe has assumed the position for the near term.

SCOUT HOUSE UPDATE: Steve Debaets stated no news to report.

SENIOR PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE: Diane Campisi and Adela Cornejo reported the event was a big success, 12 groups represented the various key functions with interactive programs to see, touch and do were represented and attracted new participants.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARKETING: Diane Campisi and Adela Cornejo reported the Holiday Party could not have gone better and thanked all for their work contributions that helped in its success. Coffee, Technology and You sessions will resume in March. Video finishing touches continues. Woman to Woman discussion group is celebrating 5 year anniversary on February 13th.

PARTNERSHIPS: Steve and Jan working with Rotary on 2 projects. Information forthcoming when developed.

EDUCATION: Dine and Discover will offer older residents in depth emergency preparedness training this coming Thursday. Steve DeBaets also commented on the difficulty of doing it, yet very valuable "Map your Neighborhood" efforts to learn gas shutoff locations and who needs special help and who has special skills that can help in each of our neighborhoods.

TECHNOLOGY: Dayle Eisenhauer happily reported that Nancy Hersman got the head IT guy to summon his resources to fix the WiFi at the Joslyn Center by improving the bandwidth from 3 to 100Mbps. At issue was the bandwidth usage balance between City Hall and the Joslyn Center. The City website is still not perfect for all needs, very much a work in progress. ReachMB is a downloadable APP. This app is another resource in development that can help going forward. It could be used to sign up for various

Older Adult classes and events. Mac and Android classes continue and are well supported with 4 classes a month. Apple store senior field trip sold out and scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 10am. Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> session will include a AARP presentation, covering types of scams and fraud of Older Adults.

#### REPORTS BY STAFF

Mark Leyman: Discussed ways and types of projects that might be funded if a Trust Fund were created for Older Adult Programs.

Eve Kelso: Outlined the upcoming city MB budget process for 2018. Will be asking for an increase to cover growth in staffing costs.

Adela Cornejo: Dine and Discover additional CERT training on emergency preparedness. Doc Talk "Kedi" about the overpopulation of cats. Friday Gary Hartzel discusses the ancient library of Alexander. Also Thursday, the showing of the Netflix series, the Crown, very popular, will show the whole season.

#### CLUBS, SRC, AT-LARGE MEMBERS AND P&R COMMISSIONER

SRC: Karen Russo outlined January 23<sup>rd</sup> event at the library called "Escape Room". Dr O'Riarty & World Domination. Collaborative event where participants work together to solve how to escape and prevent Dr. O'Riarty from releasing chemical destruction on the world. Nextdoor app was discussed as a resource for seniors on getting help for small around the house jobs.

P&R COMMISSIONER: Sue Allard reported monthly P&R meeting is coming up.

JOSLYN SENIOR CLUB: Betty Young reported club doing well, enjoyed the Holiday party with Middle School singers.

MANHATTAN HEIGHTS SENIOR CLUB: Ken Thompson reported Middle school singers and Holiday party with both clubs to went very well with completed city decorations at Manhattan Heights building. Flu season taking a toll this month on participant activity. Monthly potluck meeting cancelled, will resume in February.

AT LARGE MEMBERS: Wayne Powell praised CERT training at Manhattan Senior Villas, proper use of fire extinguisher. Very valuable. Also discussed the value of Google search to locate MB services when other methods fail.

#### ACTION ITEMS/PRIORITIES NEXT MEETING

- Scout House update
- Homeless issues and help
- WiFi, ReachMB and MB Webpage improvement
- Map your Neighborhood report

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Joslyn Center. Respectfully submitted by Kenneth Thompson