

Manhattan Beach Senior Advisory Committee

Minutes

Oct. 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve DeBaets, Diane Campisi, Wayne Powell, Audrey Hodgson, Ken Thompson (Manhattan Heights Senior Club)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Nancy Hersman, Adela Cornejo, Jean Steinmetz, Karen Russo, Marcia Gelfand, Dayle Eisenhauer

GUESTS: Peggy Otsubo and senior tennis group members, Carol Kitabayashi Westside Pacific Villages

City Council Representative: Richard Montgomery

Parks and Recreation Staff: Jan Buike, Eve Kelso, Michael Hudak

Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Laurie McCarthy.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Steve DeBaets, Chair. The Minutes of the Sep 10th 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT: Richard Montgomery reported that MB mall renovations are under way featuring 11 new restaurants and center lawn area, to complete Summer 2020. Possible contracting with County Fire Services Study being considered. This process will take some time to complete. No actions decided at this time.

OLDER ADULT TENNIS PLAYERS REQUEST: Peggy Otsubo, representing 20+ tennis players that reserve "Call In" to conduct regular games on Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, requested to maintain this time as an ongoing dedicated reservation and place an ongoing entry to the Monthly Older Adults Newsletter to attract new members. The OAP Events Newsletter is managed separately from Tennis Court and Baseball facility reservations. Discussion included the issues of a dedicated timeslot impacting the first come, first served reservation of those facilities and the fairness of reserved scheduling. Other groups competing for facilities could ask for dedicated time slots adversely scheduling. Commissioner McCarthy will present this topic for discussion by P&R Commission.

WESTSIDE PACIFIC VILLAGES: Carol Kitabayashi, executive director outlined Nationwide movement to redefine the way we age in our communities. Expansion into Manhattan Beach would currently entail \$600/yr. fee per person to enter into assistance agreement. Staffed with certified volunteers, services include, transportation, routine household chores. There are neighboring communities participating, however many services are overlapping with existing MB resources or BCHD. No motions put forward.

SENIOR AND SCOUT HOUSE UPDATE: The Art Auction fundraiser planning is underway for a March 2020 event. Friends of the Scout House. Beach Cities Health District has been approached for made a

donation commitment. End date for raising funds remains June 2020. The \$3.4MM project remains about \$1MM short.

HOMELESS POLICY TASK FORCE: No additional news to report.

MARKETING COMMITTEE: CityMB website senior usability upgrades completed. Adela Cornejo showcased changes via on screen demonstration. All improvements met with approval. Senior programs booth at the Home Town Fair was a big success again this year.

PARTNERSHIPS: Rotary Cares conducting bath tub removal and walk-in shower installation. Kinecta Federal Credit Union has a Community Service feature. The first of the 200 assembled disaster Emergency supplies with training sessions going to the Senior Villas. Eagle Scout construction of Senior Garden located in prior Petanque court

TECHNOLOGY: 2nd fall season Coffee, Technology & You session begins October 26th. Mac classes underway, 4 per month. Android portion still awaiting consistent teacher and format. Android needs can be met at Coffee, Technology & You sessions. Wireless printer to assist Senior technology learning in process.

STAFF: Adela Cornejo reported new reusable eating utensils program largely being accepted. Discussions around expanding program forward in other city functions. Goal, eliminate City supplied single use waste material. Jan Buike discussed the upcoming events. Holiday Party plans are underway for the December 11th. Annual Halloween Party October 31st, 10:30 – 4pm. Theme “Prom Night” A night to remember is this year’s theme. In addition, 2020 Flu shots, are on October 23rd. Concern was voiced over the loss of 1 dedicated Senior parking space and 1 Handicap Parking Space, converted to Electric Car Only, Charging stations. September 26th Dine & Discover “Situational Awareness” and Active Shooter event a big success with excellent information.

MANHATTAN HEIGHTS CLUB: Ken Thompson reported; Bingo will continue in October regardless of personnel absences. Heights Christmas party plans underway. Will again host Middle School Choir.

JOSLYN SENIOR CLUB: No report

SRC: Karen Russo reported October Library presentation “History of MB Badminton Club” and new Skypark Museum coming up next.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Laurie McCarthy reported; The Parks Master Plan input effort underway to identify public desires. Can be accessed online now. Vehicle charging station vs. Senior parking spaces being reviewed. Pumpkin races October 27th. Pickle Ball Court upgrades and Von’s Exercise Equipment due to complete by end 2019.

ACTION ITEMS AND PRIORITIES: Senior/Scout Fundraiser, Wireless Printer procurement, Home Town Fair follow up, Lives Well Lived progress

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:49pm. The next meeting is November 12th 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Thompson