

Manhattan Beach Senior Advisory Committee

Minutes

Nov. 12, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve DeBaets, Diane Campisi, Wayne Powell, Audrey Hodgson, Dayle Eisenhower, Ken Thompson (Manhattan Heights Senior Club), Jean Steinmetz (Manhattan Beach Senior Club), Karen Russo (Senior Resources Committee)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marcia Gelfand

GUESTS: Jessica Vincent (Parks and Rec.)

City Council Representative: Nancy Hersman, Richard Montgomery

Parks and Recreation Staff: Jan Buike, Eve Kelso, Adela Cornejo

Parks & Recreation Commissioner: Laurie McCarthy.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Steve DeBaets, Chair. The Minutes of the Oct. 8 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT: Nancy Hersman, Richard Montgomery discussed briefly on possible impacts of STATE bills recently signed by Gavin Newsom on MB's ability to zone and plan for real estate development. Actual impact is uncertain at this time. No changes to MB Fire Department, at this time. Council passed an urgency ordinance banning all vape products and flavored tobacco in MB. Under consideration is an ordinance to ban the sale of all tobacco products in the City. New replacement parking meters will alert you when times up and allow remote payment up to time maximum. A possible ban on Saturday construction hours with extended hours M-F.

HONORING: A retirement celebration for Eve Kelso was held. Eve has served 17 years and is looking forward to her new life chapter. Eve's Dial a Ride and other duties will be managed by staff temporarily until a replacement is named. A "get well" card was signed for Kathy Galvin who is currently receiving medical care.

SENIOR AND SCOUT HOUSE UPDATE: The Art Auction fundraiser planning is underway for a March 2020 event. Subcommittee will request City Council grant an alcohol variance at Nov. 19th Council meeting. Beach Cities Health District has 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: OAP's "Holiday Party" plans executed. Tickets available Nov. 19th.

PARTNERSHIPS: No additional news to report.

TECHNOLOGY: Coffee, Technology & You, last session of the year Saturday Nov. 16th. Wireless printer being selected for purchase, then to IT for approval.

STAFF: Jan Buike, Eve Kelso and Adela Cornejo reported 4 new Dial a Ride busses on order with longer lasting, lower lift ramp capabilities. 252 D.A.R. surveys have been returned. Holiday Party plans are underway for the December 11th. Reusable utensils will be one event gift. The 3rd Halloween Party had highest attendance and best response from attendees so far. "Prom Night" king and queen were awarded. Sleepy Hollow Holiday Lights tour sold out. No Dine & Discover due to holiday events. Medicare Part D presentation November 22nd, 11am – Noon. Holiday Tips for Caregivers November 15th 11am-Noon.

MANHATTAN HEIGHTS CLUB: Ken Thompson reported Heights Holiday party plans underway. Will again host Middle School Choir on Monday December 16th.

JOSLYN SENIOR CLUB: Club Holiday Pot Luck on Monday December 16th.

SRC: Karen Russo reported Carol Kitabayashi and WESTSIDE PACIFIC VILLAGES, are moving forward to establish a Villages presence in Manhattan Beach. Celebration of completion of 2019 Forum Series. Demonstration of Social Dances, Maria Chura president South Bay Dance Club, Nov. 26th 7-8:30pm at the MB Library Meeting Room.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: Jessica Vincent reported the last Master Parks Plan was updated in 1988. The new MPP is now being created "in house" to identify Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for City Council approval in March 2020. An Aquatics Center is surfacing as #1, in public opinion surveys along with "more trails". Past proposals had an Aquatics Center built at the existing Begg Pool site. Many options have to be considered this time around for more cost-effective solutions. Multi use facilities, like the Scout House are key factors for any new capital improvement project today. Dayle Eisenhower highlighted an opportunity to improve survey results. Initial input indicates a desire for an Aquatics / Multi Use Center. Importance of packaging an inclusive user's perspective will help justify cost expenditures. A trial period has been started to allow a reserved "Older Adults, Open to All" tennis session on Wednesdays from 1-3pm on one court. Pickle Ball Court upgrades underway and Von's Exercise Equipment due to complete early 2020.

ACTION ITEMS AND PRIORITIES: Senior/Scout Fundraiser, Wireless Printer, Lives Well Lived, Holiday Party follow-up, Senior Tennis spot, Parks survey

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm. No meeting in December due to holiday activities. Next SAC meeting January 14th 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth Thompson