

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SENIOR COMMISSION**

**MAY 12, 2015**

The Senior Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at the Senior Center, 695 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Costa Mesa, California.

1. **Call to Order: Chair Feeney**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Bauermeister**
3. **Administration of Oath of Office for newly appointed Senior Commissioners**
4. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present:      Chair Feeney  
                                         Vice Chair Adkins  
                                         Commissioner Bauermeister  
                                         Commissioner Krochman  
                                         Commissioner McGlinn  
                                         Commissioner Ann Perry

Commissioners Absent:      Commissioner Sue Healey

Staff Present:                      Tamara Letourneau, Assistant Chief Executive Officer  
                                         Brenda Green, City Clerk  
                                         Travis Karlen, Recreation Manager  
                                         Yvette Aguilar, Senior Center Program Administrator  
                                         Kristina Roche, Senior Commission Secretary

5. **Approval of Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Meeting of the Senior Commission**

**MOTION made by Commissioner Krochman to approve the minutes in condition to correctly three spelling errors. Seconded by Vice-Chair Adkins. Motion carries 6-0 due to Commission Healey being absent.**

6. **Public Comment:**

1. Cecile Pickens  
    Cecile Pickens thanked Senior Center staff for all they have done during the transition.
2. Edwina Worsham  
    Edwina Worsham spoke regarding the Albert Dixon Fund and wants an update.
3. Sherryl Ward  
    Sherryl Ward spoke regarding the need of additional nursing services.

7. **Senior Serv Presentation**

Janeth Velazquez presented the PowerPoint Presentation to the Commission and to the residents of Costa Mesa.

Public Comment:

1. Pauline Eline – asked the speaker how the hot meals are served to the seniors. Janeth Velazquez explained that the hot meals are warmed in the microwave.
2. Geoff West – asked how the numbers of seniors are counted because there were less numbers of meals served than people whom are participating. Janeth explained that sometimes meals do not get brought to every senior participating because they may not be home for a variety of different reasons.

## **8. Brown Act Presentation**

Yolanda Summerhill presented the Brown Act presentation to the Commission and to the residents of Costa Mesa.

Public Comment:

1. Pauline Eline –spoke about Brown Act and how it interferes with the Senior Advisory Committee.
2. Geoff West –spoke about Brown Act and how it correlates with Facebook posts and comments.

Tammy Letourneau spoke in regards to the Commission needing to be very cautious about the interactions with each other to be sure it does not violate Brown Act. She reminds the Commission of the importance of never “replying all” in an email that is sent to the Commission from staff.

## **9. Consent Calendar**

### **a. Approval of New Instructional Classes and Fees**

Commissioner Bauermeister asked how the fees were determined and if there was a way to make the price less and more affordable for the seniors. Travis Karlen said there is a formula to find out the prices for all contract classes; this formula is approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission

Vice Chair Adkins said she was working the front desk at the senior center and a lot of people came to sign up for the classes but once they saw the price they no longer wanted to sign up.

Chair Feeney said the instructor is coming from the Huntington Beach Senior Center and also teaches computer classes there. Chair Feeney asked how much the Huntington Beach Senior Center charges for the computer class. Yvette Aguilar said she does not know exactly how much the Huntington Beach Senior Center charges. Chair Feeney said from what she is hearing right now, she cannot vote for this increase of fee without knowing how much other computer classes cost in nearby cities. Travis Karlen told the Commissioners they could direct staff to match what is being charged in Huntington Beach or ask staff to research other cities.

Commissioner Bauermeister asked if there are any scholarships set up for the

seniors. Travis Karlen said at this time, there are no scholarships in place.

**MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Krochman to approve the classes subject to the changes in price relative to the Huntington Beach Senior Center and to create scholarships. Seconded by Commissioner Bauermeister. MOTION CARRIES 6-0 due to Commissioner Healey being absent.**

**MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Krochman to approve the Buff Bones class. Seconded by Commissioner Bauermeister. MOTION CARRIES 6-0.**

## **10. Old Business**

No Items

## **11. New Business**

### **a. Revision of "The Chronicle"**

Yvette Aguilar presents report.

Commissioner McGlinn asked if it their job as commissioners is to micromanage and oversee the changing of the name and the format of The Chronicle. Tammy Letourneau explains that this falls under Policy Direction of the Commission and it does not qualify as micromanaging.

Vice Chair Adkins said she does not like Buzz on 19<sup>th</sup> Street because it sounds like a bar. She also requested that the Costa Mesa Senior Center be highlighted and bigger so it stands out.

Commission McGlinn said he does not like The Buzz either because seniors are a vital group and more than bumblebees buzzing around 19<sup>th</sup> street. He wants the concept of seniors to be redefined because it is a vital community with wisdom and needs to be recognized as such.

Public Comment:

1. Corinne Stover – speaks about not liking the name change
2. Pauline Eline – speaks about not liking the name change
3. Kathleen Eric – makes a suggestion to have the new name of The Chronicle be a contest which would allow the seniors to get involved in the decision.

Commissioner Comments:

Commission Bauermeister said when he first saw the name he liked it but now after hearing everyone's input, he thinks a contest is a great idea.

Chair Feeney said she really likes the idea of the contest and does not think it needs to be something that happens right away. She said we have a vibrant

community with a lot of people interested in art and having a contest would be great. She mentions that the name of Costa Mesa was decided by a contest.

**MOTION: Motion made by Commissioner Bauermeister to revise the name based on a contest held during the summer and have staff come back to the Commission in September. Seconded by Vice Chair Adkins. MOTION CARRIES 6-0.**

#### **12. Senior Programs Administrators Report**

Yvette Aguilar presents report.

#### **13. Recreation Managers Report**

Travis Karlen presents report.

#### **14. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner McGlenn wants to create a Mission Statement for the Commission; he wants it to be a joint effort between Commissioners, residents of Costa Mesa and staff. He said we are moving blindly and we need to organize with goals and objectives.

Commissioner Bauermeister talks about the Fish Fry and gives the dates that it is taking place.

Commissioner Krochman wanted a copy of the Albert Dixon Foundation paperwork because she said it probably outlines the procedure for the dissolution. Travis Karlen said the City lawyer is working on it and he is confident the lawyer is doing what needs to be done.

Commissioner Perry introduced herself, said she has worked at Estancia High School for a decade and she is excited to be part of the commission.

Chair Feeney wants to put the meeting times in The Chronicle so seniors are aware of the meeting times.

#### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Feeney. The next regular scheduled Commission meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2015 at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.