



**SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 17, 2019

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Rohnert Park met this date at Rohnert Park Senior Center, 6800 Hunter Drive, Suite A, Rohnert Park, for a regular meeting to commence at 12:30 p.m.

1. SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION – CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Sherman called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Present: Caryl Sherman, Chair
Lorrie Abbott, Vice Chair
Gary Coffman, Commissioner
Absent: Cheryl Burton, Commissioner,
Phyllis Transue, Commissioner
Staff Present: Don Schwartz, Assistant City Manager
Cindy Bagley, Deputy Director of Community Services
Amanda Foley, Community Services Program Coordinator

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chair Abbott.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEETING AGENDA POSTING

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley acknowledged the posting of the regular meeting agenda in the required places per Brown Act requirements.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Moved/Second (Abbott/Coffman) to approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2019. The motion was carried with the following 3-0-0-2 vote:

AYES: Abbott, Coffman, Sherman; **NOS:** None; **ABSTAINS:** None; **ABSENT:** Burton, Transue.

5. ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager, Don Schwartz, gave updates on the improvements that have taken place at the Senior Center over the past year and also gave updates about affordable housing in Rohnert Park.

6. SENIOR CENTER REPORT

a. Community Services Coordinator

i. BINGO Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley reported since the July 18 meeting, Bingo has brought in \$25,061.

ii. Council on Aging Dining Site Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley reported Council on Aging has been serving an average of 20 people per day in the Senior Center dining room and they have been receiving an average of \$1.27 per person.

iii. Senior Trips Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley reported since the last meeting in July, seniors have enjoyed trips to the Sonoma County Fair in August, and a trip to the Buck Institute of Research and Aging in October. The next trip will take place in December and will be to Montgomery Village for holiday shopping.

iv. Upcoming Seminars

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley provided updates on the following upcoming seminars:

November: *Discouraged to Encouraged*

December: *Home Your Own Way*

January: *Clearing Clutter*

v. Age Friendly Community Program Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley reported another focus group was held in August. The walking audit has been pushed to the end of October and they have enlisted help from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission as well as two Rotary clubs.

vi. 4 Paws Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Foley reported 4Paws will be bringing therapy dogs to the Senior Center on Friday, December 6. The therapy dogs will come to the Senior Center for 1 hour and will be in the activity room.

7. PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT

Chair Canterbury reported Magnolia Park will be getting a new playground.

8. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Adams reported Rohnert Park has passed a complete ban on synthetic pesticides.

9. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPUTY DIRECTOR & DIRECTOR REPORT

a. Building/Projects Update

Community Services Program Coordinator, Foley provided an update about the new flooring and painting that will be taking place in the Senior Center dining room.

b. Special Events

Deputy Director Bagley announced Community Services will be hosting the second annual Halloween Carnival at the Community Center on October 26. Deputy Director Bagley also announced Community Services will be hosting the 40th annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Faire at the Community Center on November 29 and 30.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Abbott shared information about a 30-year bond regarding the school districts. Councilmember Adams suggested having concerned citizens go to a school board meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Harvey Atkins expressed interest in finding out how he can find out when events such as the Senior Advisory meetings take place.
- b. Wynne Wilson shared she would like the city to keep ADA concerns in mind such as sidewalks and the accessibility of walkers and canes.

12. MATTERS TO/FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chair Sherman requested help with publicizing flyers for the January meeting. Chair Sherman shared the library will be hosting a round table discussion about cannabis and a world traveler book club.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sherman adjourned the regular meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission at 1:33 p.m.


Caryl Sherman, Chair


Amanda Foley, Recording Secretary

