

MINUTES
REEDLEY COMMISSION ON AGING
Thursday, February 19, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Reedley Commission on Aging was called to order by Commissioner Zavala at 8:35 a.m. at the Reedley Community Center, Sierra Room, 100 North East Avenue, Reedley, California.

2. **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- A. **Commissioners Present:** Dolores Edwards; Marie Medcalf; Marilyn Vose; Don Zavala.
- B. **Commissioners Absent:** Excused – Carl Smith, Cheri Witter-Lawrence, Alternate; Unexcused – Sharon Wall, Alternate.
- C. **Staff Present:** Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator; Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant.
- D. **Others Present:** None.

3. **OATH OF OFFICE BY SYLVIA PLATA, CITY CLERK**

- Sharon Wall, Alternate Commissioner – Sharon was not in attendance. Her Oath of Office will be postponed to a later meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Zavala that the minutes of January 8, 2015 be approved. The motion carried.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **County Regulation Changes Affecting Senior Centers** – New policies from the County will affect the Senior Potlucks. No outside food will be allowed, unless it comes from a commercial kitchen. This information came to Christina through Fresno Madera Area Agency on Aging. They were informed that the County is specifically looking at Senior Centers to make sure they are complying with all County codes. Although, this is a negative change, staff is looking at it in a positive way. In place of the potlucks, luncheons will be held. The food will be provided, but all other aspects will stay the same. Christina will take the Food Handlers Class so she will be able to prepare/oversee preparation of some of the side dishes in the Community Center's commercial kitchen. Since the senior won't have to bring a food item to share, donations will be encouraged to offset the cost of the food. Other changes that this regulation affects – any homebaked or prepared food that is brought in to share in the Senior Center, and vegetables that are cut for hamburgers, etc.

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8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Christina Ontiveros, Senior Citizen Coordinator

- 1) Senior Center was recently painted. Old wallpaper came down. No paint went up.
- 2) FMAAA Audit – No issues and auditors praised senior volunteers.
- 3) Senior Patio was used this week due to the nice weather. Seniors were enjoying sitting outside.
- 4) Knitting and Crocheting Class has evolved into Hobby Time. Seniors are bringing their paints and supplies to paint, participants are bringing ideas and helping others with projects, men are playing pool, and some people just come to visit. This is really growing!
- 5) Planning a Day Trip in April to Bravo Farms and the Tulare Outlets.

B. Joel Glick, Community Services Director

- 1) Invited the Commission to the first of two Public Meetings about the Reedley Sports Park Master Plan Revision. The first date is Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Room at the Community Center. The second one will be on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. It will also be in the Senior Center.
- 2) Working on his departmental budget, which includes funding for Seniors.
- 3) The Mueller Park Beautification Project will go out to bid in March; construction should start this summer.
- 4) The Airport Security Fence Project Phase 1 will be finishing up soon. There was a delay due to Federal Aviation Administration requirements.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Zavala** – Really enjoyed the Poinsettia and Hillmar Cheese outing. Felt it was a great trip; very educational. He commended Commissioner Edwards for the idea and for reaching out to her connections to make this trip happen.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Don Zavala, Acting Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director

Next meeting: April 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.