

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Approved Minutes:** Senior Advisory Commission  
**Date of Meeting:** June 26, 2007  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

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**A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE**

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Mary Banick, Barbara Ebright, Florentino Menor, Amanda Santos, Denny Weisgerber and Joanne Wood

**Commissioner Absent:** William "Ed" Connor, Bal Daquigan, Albert Wang

**Alternates Present:** Estrella Gilana

**Alternates Absent:** Bernice Wrinkle

**Council Liaison:** Debbie Giordano

**Staff Present:** Dennis Graham, Police Chief  
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator  
Jennifer Tagalog, Recreation Services Supervisor

**C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:**

Estrella Gilana was seated.

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Agenda of the June 26, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission.  
**M/S:** Wood/Banick. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

**E. MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission meeting. **M/S:** Ebright/Gilana. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

**F. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reviewed the updated Financial Report included in the Commission Packet for April 1-May 31, 2007. The report reflected the expenses of \$72.39 (for the Bingo night food booth supplies). The revenue for the period was \$170.50 (Evening Bingo snack bar & ice cream sales). The Commission's account balance is \$2,846.48.

Motion to approve the Financial Report. **M/S:** Banick/Santos. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

**G. CITIZEN FORUM**

None.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE**

Police Chief Dennis Graham reported to the Commission that the Police Department received grants to purchase License Plate Readers. The readers are in several police cars and can read license plates at a quick rate and identify vehicles reported stolen. The goal is to put a Reader in all police vehicles. He also reported that crime in Milpitas is still down from last year.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog informed the Commission of upcoming Parks & Recreation Services events: Summer Concert Series at Murphy Park on June 26, July 10 and July 24, The July 4<sup>th</sup> Pool Party and Fireworks at the Sports Center, and Rainbow Theatre's production of "Grease" in late July.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Fundraising Opportunity – Celebrate Milpitas**

At the April 24, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission meeting, the Commission discussed the possibility of having a Root Beer Float booth at the Celebrate Milpitas event (August 18-19, 2007), but only if there was no fee for the booth. Recreation Supervisor Tagalog researched the possibility and informed the Commission that the City of Milpitas would have one booth (free of charge) to promote City services and programs, and the Senior Advisory Commission would be able to sell Root Beer Floats in the booth.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog added that Recreation Services did the same booth at last year's event and distributed a time schedule and list of responsibilities/procedures for the booth. She indicated that two people would be needed 8:00 am-2:00 pm for opening/set-up shift and two people for the 2:00-7:00 pm closing/clean-up shift.

Commission Chair Weisgerber said he would look into getting vehicle access for dropping off supplies during the event, and the possibility of using one of the City's or the Chamber of Commerce's John Deere vehicles.

Commissioner Gilana stated she had a portable cart that could be used for transporting supplies.

Commission Chair Weisgerber asked the Commission if it wanted to pursue with the booth, and if so, all members would need to work a shift.

Motion to move forward with the Root Beer Float booth at the Milpitas Celebrates event. M/S: Ebright/Gilana. Ayes: Unanimous

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog stated she would contact Commission members to set up a work schedule for the event.

## **2. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraising Opportunity Update**

At the April 24, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission meeting, the Commission discussed offering a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser and a subcommittee was formed.

Commission Chair Weisgerber reported he knew a professional chef who might be interested in preparing the food.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog indicated that the food would have to be prepared offsite since the Milpitas Community Center since it did not have a commercial kitchen, and would not meet health codes for selling food to the public.

Commissioner Banick asked if Merrill Gardens in Fremont would be able to loan its kitchen to the Commission to cook the food.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog stated she would look into it. She added another idea would be to work with a local restaurant to offer a "Night Out" event where people could take flyers/coupons to a restaurant and a percentage of their meal cost would be donated to the Senior Advisory Commission. In the past, the Rainbow Theatre program was successful in offering this at both Giorgio's and El Torito's Restaurants

Commission Chair Weisgerber informed the Commission the subcommittee would look into these options.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Motion Picture Licensing Fee**

For the past few years, the Senior Center has rented movies and shown them at no charge on Monday afternoons. The Senior Center recently received a letter from the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation indicated the Senior Center was in violation of the Public Performance Provisions of the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 USC 101 and 106, and would be required to purchase a yearly license (\$255.00) to continue showing movies. Due to the low attendance at the showings (average of 4 participants per movie), staff decided to discontinue offering the movies. Commissioner Ebright requested this item be agendaized for the possibility of the Commission paying for the yearly license to continue showing the movies.

Commissioner Ebright stated that some of the people who watch the movies are there every day and its nice activity for them to watch.

Commission Chair Weisgerber stated he did not think the cost for the license and movie rental (approximately \$35.00 per month) as indicated by the low attendance.

Commissioner Menor asked if the participants had input on what movies were shown. Staff responded that participants did have input.

Councilmember Giordano stated that the Copyright Laws will be challenged for use such as this at some point and the laws will be changed.

The Commission agreed with staff's decision to discontinue the movies and not purchase the movie license due to the program's low attendance.

## **2. Volunteers for Upcoming Evening Bingo Food Booths**

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog asked for members of the Commission to volunteer working the snack bar at the Senior Center's upcoming monthly Evening Bingo nights on July 24 and August 28, 4:30-7:30 pm. In the past, the snack bar has sold hot dogs, pizza, salads, nachos, and root beer floats.

July 24: Commissioners Gilana and Weisgerber agreed to work.

August 28: Commissioner Menor agreed to work.

## **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. STAFF REPORTS**

#### **Recreation Services**

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog announced that in June, Merrill Gardens in Fremont began sponsoring the Senior Center's monthly Birthday cake (\$50 value) and raffle prize. She added the Senior Center's yearly membership renewal would start in July and staff would be recruiting new members at locations such as Terrace Gardens and Milpitas' Kaiser Permanente. The Senior Center also began a monthly "Newcomer's Welcome" orientation for new members, which had 22 in May and 6 in June. Another new program starting in July is a computer area that allows participants to have Internet Access and word processing, along with a new Cooking Class (Cooking for 1-2 People).

Commission Chair Weisgerber asked how many members did the Senior Center lose over the year. Recreation Supervisor Tagalog responded that it was unknown since staff does not cross check year to year memberships, but will try to do it in the future.

Councilmember Giordano stated she would like to know how the Milpitas Senior Center stands with other cities of the same size in regards to memberships.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog stated she would report back with that information.

#### **1.2 Senior Center Nutrition**

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reported the average daily Nutrition Lunch participation was 84 in April and 83 in May, and the number of riders in April was 485 and 546 in May.

Also reported were the changes to the Lunch Program's menus. Starting in July, the cheeseburger option will be discontinued and replaced with a rotating choice of turkey, roast beef and ham sandwiches. The participants will also have a choice of an additional vegetarian-style of salad each week, one featuring cottage cheese and fruit and the other with beans.

## **2. LIAISON REPORTS**

### **2.1 A City Council**

Councilmember Giordanos reported on the City Council's actions during June.

June 5, 2007:

- Received report that the Library construction was on time and on budget
- Approved the 5 year Capital Improvement Projects
- Approved the "Milpitas National Night Out" for August 9, 2007
- Began the CalPERS Pre-funding program for employee Medical/Dental Benefits

June 14, 2007 (Special Meeting):

- Adopted an Ordinance prohibiting Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

June 19, 2007:

- Approved entertainment permit for "Celebrate Milpitas" on August 18-19, 2007
- Received the Youth Sports User Group Task Force Report
- Received the Odor Control Report
- Filled all the vacant Commission positions
- Received comments from the Fire Chief regarding Disaster Preparedness, Grand Jury Report of 5 of 15 cities, of which did not include Milpitas

Commissioner Ebright asked how much motion is needed to activate the Automatic Shut-Off Valves and if a resident could reset it. Councilmember Giordano replied the valves were so sensitive that a car with a loud radio could set one off, and a resident can reset it.

Commissioner Banick asked if the Farmer's Market was coming back. Councilmember Giordano stated the Planning Commission approved usage of the Milpitas Unified School District's parking lot for Farmers Market but she was unsure of the start date.

Commissioner Gilana stated she was concerned about the Gas Shut-off Valves in the area she lives because of the vibrations from the railroad cars. Councilmember Giordano replied the valves were only being placed in new housing developments so there was no need for Commissioner Gilana to be concerned for her area.

Commission Chair Weisgerber asked if the CAL PERS pre-funding was statewide or just in Milpitas, and he was not aware of any other industry that funds dental plans after retirement. Councilmember Giordano replied the funding was only in Milpitas.

**2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission**

Chairperson Weisgerber stated there was not much to report on the Council on Aging. There will be a change of command and term outs in memberships. He informed the Commission that 35 members are on the Commission and represent different cities, labor union, Supervisory Districts and various senior organizations. The Council on Aging receives funding/grants from the federal government and distributes the funds throughout the Santa Clara County area.

**2.3 Arts Commission**

No report.

**2.4 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission**

No report.

**3. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**L. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled August 28, 2007, at 1:30 pm, at the Milpitas City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary