

Gardena Senior Citizen Commission
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 Minutes
2:00 p.m.
Ken Nakaoka Community Center
1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247
Room G

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner LaBeaud
3. Roll Call
Present Commissioners: Martha Kirksey, William LaBeaud, Fred Purifoy, Jessica Randle
Excused Commissioners: Barbara Rosales
Also Present: Kathy Mills-Walker, Kathy Nelson
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. January 27, 2016 meeting
 1. Commissioner Kirksey made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Purifoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried.
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. Visits to Senior Citizen Clubs
 1. Filipino Club meets on Sundays. Setting up a date to visit has been tabled to a later date.
 2. South Bay Korean Senior Center.
 - a. Commissioner Purifoy will contact the club and set up a date to visit. He will contact the Commissioners with the details.
6. New Business - none
 - A. Annual Senior Day Care BBQ. There are monies left over from past BBQ's which will be used for this year's event.
7. Commissioners Reports
 - A. Commissioner Martha Kirksey
 - 1/25 Served lunch to the seniors at Rowley Park.
 - 2/1, 8, & 22 Served lunch to the senior at Rowley Park.
 - 2/24 Attended meetings for The Affiliated Committee on Aging and the Senior Citizen Commission.
 - Attended the Community Forum on Parks at the Nakaoka Community Center (room G).
 - B. Commissioner William LaBeaud
Attended the Beautiful Committee holiday dinner at Paradise Restaurant.
 - C. Commissioner Fred Purifoy
 - 1/29 Delivered birthday cakes to local Convalescent homes.
 - 2/3 Attended the Senior Top Notch Volunteer Club meeting.
 - 2/20 Went on an inspection trip of the Diamond Valley Lake Dam.
 - 2/24 Chaired the Affiliated Committee on Aging meeting and attended the Senior Citizen Commission meeting.

- Attended the Community Forum on Parks at the Nakaoka Community Center (room G).
- D. Commissioner Jessica Randle
 - 2/4 Went on the Gardena on the Go trip to Santa Anita Race Track.
 - Attended the February Gardena Holly Park Homeowner's Association meeting.
 - 2/18 Attended the Gardena Police Department's Annual Community Forum
 - Met with DeDora, Manager of the Spring Park Senior Villa Living on El Segundo Blvd. Commissioner Randle reported the on interest/concerns of the tenants:
 1. Police patrol on a daily basis.
 2. Exercise classes of all types.
 3. Knitting, arts, crafts and crochet classes dealing with all cultures.
 4. Transportation both to and from events in the City of Gardena or providing one's own transportation (who is responsible).
 5. Requested speakers to visit.
 6. Religious groups from all nationalities.
 7. Luncheon programs served from the state of the art kitchen.
 8. Invite senior groups to hold meetings on Villa's premises.
 9. DeDora invited Kelly, Kathy and all the Senior Citizen Commissioners to their Black History luncheon on Saturday, February 27, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Attended the Second Time Around Club meetings including their Black History program.
 - 2/24 Attended the Senior Citizen Commission meeting.
 - 2/25 Plan to attend the Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras event at the Normandie Club.
 - Plan to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Organization meeting.
 - 2/27 Plan to attend the Black History events at the Spring Park Villa Senior complex, and at Rowley Park.
 - Attended the Community Forum on Parks at the Nakaoka Community Center (room G).

8. Affiliated Committee on Aging Report - none

9. Staff Reports – Kathy Mills Walker

A. Commissioner Purifoy asked Kathy Mills Walker if there are any items the City can assist Spring Park Villas with (as noted in Commissioner Randle's report).

1. Kathy can consult with Spring Park Senior Villa manager DeDora, she will contact her to arrange a meeting. The City does not have busses to pick up their residents and does not have funds to pay for transportation. However, the residents can call Special Transit. Arrangement can be made for a speaker to communicate what services the City does have.

B. The County will not have an increase of budget in the next four years. There will be no new money, no new meal sites. At one time Kathy tries to get the Spring Park Villa as a meal site; the County still has not given her an answer. Commissioner Kirksey suggested that SP Villa residents use the Special Transit bus to go to Rowley or NCC for the lunch program.

C. This year the Senior Meals program will accept bids for caterer services.

D. Municipal meal sites (Cities) are partners with the County and will not need to bid for a contract with the County for Senior Meal Programs. Non-municipal sites will have to compete for their contracts and have a performance bond in place (monies to pay for interruption free service, in case of any emergency/event).

E. Staff will be attending the meeting/awards presentation for Senior Meals program. Senior Day Care and Lawndale sites will be receiving awards.

10. Oral Communication - none

11. Written Communication

A. Recreation, Human Services, Parks, and Facilities Monthly Reports

1. January 2016

B. Invitation to attend the South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly, Friday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center in Carson. This year's theme is "Governing in an Era of Disruptive Technologies, attendees will hear/discuss issues of importance to the South Bay.

12. Announcements

A. Saturday, February 27 ~ Black History Month, Afternoon in the Park at Rowley Park, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

B. Saturday, March 26 ~ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at the Nakaoka Community Center, 8:00 a.m.; egg hunt at 10:00 a.m.; puppet show at 10:45 a.m.

C. Saturday, April 16 ~ Spring Craft Fair at NCC & Civic Center Lawn, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

D. Saturday, April 30 ~ Cinco de Mayo Parade (10:00 a.m.); festivities at Fukai Park (11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

13. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

A. Commissioner LaBeaud made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Purifoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nelson,
Secretary to the Senior Citizen Commission