

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
February 5, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by President, Marilyn Entin. In attendance were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, Senior Specialist Brian Hames, Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Brant. Members: Chickie Nemeth, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Monica Bellizzi, Arden Weiner, Pat Eagan, Nancy Koppel, Arlene DeMoss, Bev Temkin, Stephen Mellors, Sally A. Sargent, Cathy Michelin, Jack Campbell, Mike Donohoe, Betty McGowan, Gilbert Garcia, Sue Garcia and Mary Cates. Absent were Treasurer Bill Hubka and Advisors Don House and Erin Barclay.

The minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA: (report by Marilyn Entin)

The January 2014 treasurer's report was distributed and discussed (attached). The expenses are more than the income. There were no questions.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- Health & Safety Committee meeting held January 22, 2014. Working with PRNS to possibly incorporate a seniors' exercise area in various City of San Jose parks. Specifically in the proposed Rotary Club "Legacy Project" at Guadalupe Children's Park, at Coleman at Taylor.
- Senior Nutrition provider RFP bid was closed January 30, 2014. The choice of provider will take several months.
- Next full Commission meeting will be Thursday, March 13, 2014.
- Next Health & Safety Committee meeting will be Thursday, March 27, 2014.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS

- **Senior Walk at Oakridge Mall:** on February 28 at 8:30 a.m. 22 mini vendors, many raffle prizes, plus all the mayoral candidates will be there.
- **State of the City:** mayor's final address February 20 at 6:00 p.m. downtown San Jose. \$13 million ahead of expected revenues mostly because of building. \$9 million ahead of revenue in that dept. \$13 million is about 2 weeks worth of payroll for the City.
- **Parking Meters:** 1200 new meters approved yesterday for downtown, accept both credit cards and coins, can upload \$ into the meter via phone, get notification when meter expires, know of empty parking spaces. By next year. Parking fee increase not yet determined.
- **Softball Fields:** in the Arcadia Development near Capitol and Quimby by Eastridge, approval for 4 fields yesterday. A donor donated \$4.2 million for a soccer field behind the Allen at Steinbeck Middle School, near Blossom Hill and Allen, will break ground 2/21/14.
- **Question:** discussion county vs city re: ambulance response. Major staff cuts required purchase of squad cars that covered larger areas and took longer to respond. County took money away. Last year budgeted extra \$8 million for firefighters to stay. High cost of past salary increases and pensions.
- **Question:** even with renovation of Almaden Lake, there will still be no swimming because of bird droppings, e. coli, other bacteria, not because of mercury. He hopes to have swimming pool or skateboard park at Coleman and Almaden. Would be a \$6 million project.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE BRANT

- No report.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- **Parking Lot Striping:** Painting was completed - stripes, crosswalks, arrows.
- **Flooring:** Rooms 1 and 2 carpet replaced with linoleum. Neighborhood Services room carpet replaced with new carpet. Re: prior question about replacing hall carpet squares - it's not in squares, so can't replace just squares, so had it deep cleaned. Are checking cost of replacing it.
- **Projector Screens Rooms 3 and 4:** Assessment made to determine cost and vendor. Hope to have decision in several months.

- **WiFi:** In December 2013 had access points put in, but signal strength is weak in some rooms. Yesterday IT assessed the building—testing signal strength, etc. He will recommend to his manager what access points to put in different spots to make signal stronger. Hope to have in next several weeks. IT person said it was difficult in newer buildings because of walls and concrete.
- **Question:** rental people responsible for cleaning up kitchen. Renters will be given a walk-through and advised beforehand and after the event. Also, there will be a deep cleaning of kitchen and teaching kitchen within next several weeks.

SENIOR SPECIALIST – BRIAN HAMES:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014, 800 members.
- **Stage Purchase:** for Community Room. Easy to put up and take down. Brian will arrange for a place to view a similar one for anyone interested.
- **Birthdays Listing:** City has given mandate to no longer publish list of birthdays in the Newsletter because of privacy issues. He will request permission to publish only names without the day and will ask if members could petition someone to reinstate.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Nancy Koppel – Friends of the Library:** Lobby book sales in January were over \$800. The next book sale is Saturday, May 3.
- **Marlene Duffin – Bylaws Update:** Doing the every-two-year review. A copy will be given to everyone next month for membership review; then voted on at the April meeting.
- **Marilyn Entin for Bill Hubka - District 10 Leadership Coalition meeting:** Police chief discussed staffing, pensions, recovery of Academy costs for new hires, morale. Questionnaire re: people's priorities will be on website soon. www.d10-leadership.org They are developing District 10 map to show neighborhoods. Almaden Expressway beautification still in planning stage. July 4 festival planning being done. Almaden Senior Association and the Almaden Valley Association to present forum on Thurs. 5/1/14 at the Community Center for all the mayoral candidates.
Need a volunteer for a publicity coordinator see that our events are publicized in local media and in the monthly Newsletter.
Need a volunteer as associate representative to the District 10 Leadership Coalition with meetings every 2 months held here in the Community Center. Contact Bill Hubka.
Audit of Books - We do have our auditors, and there will be a report next month.
- **Don House – SeniorNet (report by Marilyn Entin):** Currently 224 seats filled. Their next Council meeting is 2/21. Calendar available on their website. A few 4-week classes start next week; a 2-week scanning class starts 3/6. Windows 8 class delayed to session 3.
- **Marge Marble – Trip Waiver Form:** After investigating insurance, we determined that a waiver would suffice. This form was reviewed and okayed by an attorney and will be used by Angela, the trip coordinator, for the participants starting now.
- **Sally Sargent - Senior Trips Report:** Trip for this month is the Equestrian Center on Feb. 28. March will be the Ironstone Winery on March 21 for \$86. April (? voice blurred)
- **Arden Weiner – Soup Party:** One of the best we've ever had.
- **Betty McGowan – Big Band Bash:** On Sat. Feb. 15 at 3:30 p.m. Sold out. 160 tickets.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Announcement: Jackie Anaya, Bateman Kitchen Manager, was voted Employee of the Year.
- Question: Per Brian, no definite scheduling for dishwashing after events. Discussion re: various resources. It would be up to event coordinator to find and pay them. Suggestion to make ongoing announcements at Stretch class for a PAID volunteer dishwasher. Put article in Newsletter. Ask at Nutrition Program lunch. Betty McGowan will check with her contact.
- Member of Happy Singers – Group wants to sing here at Almaden. Broadway, popular, classical music. On a program for about 20 minutes. Come and talk with Brian.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 4.