

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
June 4, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:47 a.m. by President, Marilyn Entin. In attendance were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth, Treasurer Bill Hubka, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, Senior Specialist Brian Hames, Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey, and Councilmember Johnny Khamis. Members and visitors: Chickie Nemeth, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Nancy Koppel, Arlene DeMoss, Bev Temkin, Stephen Mellors, Betty McGowan, Jim Kuhl, Gordon Alliano, Don House, Kermit Olsen, Larry Saltman, Carole Roszkowski, and Robert Roszkowski. Absent were Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Brant and Advisor Erin Barclay.

The minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting were distributed, read, and approved as corrected.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The May 2014 treasurer's report (attached) was distributed and discussed. Membership 2013 vs 2014 chart (attached) distributed. Approx. 150 fewer members this year through May.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- Commission's next meeting June 12 at City Hall. City Council will discuss pending new contract for Sr. Nutrition on June 10, expect packed agenda which can be checked online. County Board of Supervisors meeting June 17 will also discuss budget for Sr. Nutrition.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS:

- July 4 fireworks celebration at Lake Almaden at 2 pm with parades, food, bands, vendors. Still accepting donations (tax deductible) from individuals and corporations – online at San Jose Parks Foundation website. Have \$35,000; need \$45,000.
- Proposed budget at next week's Council meeting: \$16 million additional one-time funding for street repairs; staff for South S.J. police substation in Oct. for 28 new Community Service Officers for burglaries; 4 more park rangers; 3 police academies/yr. instead of 2; police given 11% increase in wages over next 1 ½ yrs. to make up for the 10% they voluntarily gave back 3 yrs. ago. Of last class of 44, only 1 went to another city.
- Workers Comp. law changed for less abuse – if police injured on job and no position will create a position. Found ways to keep Libraries open longer just by changing the way they do their staffing.
- Brasilia Way: Discussion. A pvt. property on 2040 Plan zoned for 14 houses; whittled down to 10 houses, asked them to plant 36 more trees. City can't control pvt. property. Detailed discussion in his today's Distr. 10 June Newsletter.
- Question: re: Sr. Nutrition Program. County is going to vote on it, and many have not ever been to a Center to see how it works. (Much undecipherable discussion.) Answer: The City gives the money to the County, doesn't do anything else. City added another \$100,000 to the budget making it \$500,000.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE BRANT:

- Not present at meeting.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- **Sign in Parking Lot:** Repair has been completed.
- **Our Meeting Room:** In July, in the Community Room; In August, in Room 3.
- **Movie Night:** First time event this Fri. June 6, free, in courtyard area, at 8:30 pm, tables with snacks for purchase.
- **Summer Camps:** Start June 9 and June 16 for the next 10 weeks.
- **Leadership Meeting:** Tomorrow at Mayfair for presidents, vice-presidents at 10:30 am. They have handout updates for membership money and policy to work toward a solution.

- **Member:** 2 Mondays ago, people returning chairs & tables to storage just threw them in. Need them folded and put into proper places.

SENIOR SPECIALIST – BRIAN HAMES:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014, as of this a.m. 1,592 members. (495 male; 1,097 female)
- **Happy Hour May 16:** 120 attendees. Informal, finger food, social, band.
- **Future Events: July Talent Show** needs a co-chair and help finding talent. Probably dessert, coffee, tea. **BarBQ** Wed. June 18 at noon with a blues band.
- **Member Question:** Why were the volunteers not recognized this year? Answer: It is planned for August.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Marilyn Entin – Trip Update:** On upcoming trip Company won't return any monies, so we're getting pre-signups to be sure we have adequate number before booking. Sun. Aug. 10 to the Hornblower in SF, a 2-hr. champagne lunch cruise, yacht, music, \$115.
- **Marilyn Entin – Senior Leadership Advisory Meeting:** Tomorrow at Mayfair. Marilyn, Bill Hubka, and Don House will attend. Our MOU (attached) sent to PRNS.
- **Bill Hubka – MOU (Memorandum of Understanding):** (copy distributed) Explained background of current MOU pointing out issues from the Auditor's report: (1) the City wants to collect and retain our membership dues and (2) wants to control our activities. If the City does not collect and retain our dues, PRNS will not give us discounts for classes. Points in the MOU were reviewed. Our proposal: (1) our membership will collect our dues so we retain control of the money. How we get the names into the City database will have to be determined. (2) We should retain discounts. Tracey Gott has not yet provided info: re: actual cost of classes as we requested at May 7 Assoc. meeting. This MOU draft was sent to PRNS several weeks ago. Per Marilyn: if City discontinues discounts, membership will decline dramatically. Per Johnny Khamis: This Center deserves autonomy because of dedicated leadership.
- **Kermit Olsen – BarBQ Update:** Wed. June 18 at noon; tickets on sale Fri. June 6 at 9:45 am. There's a signup list for volunteers at the desk and also at the exercise group. Fresh flower centerpieces will become door prizes, as will two \$25 gift certificates. Need volunteer to assemble a grand prize basket with barbeque things, which would be reimbursed. Maria Stich has notified Almaden Times and the Resident. A blues band of 2. Jack Campbell, Erin, James and Rosemary handling the kitchen. The big barbeque is coming from the City.
- **Jim Kuhl – District 10 Leadership Coalition Report:** (attached) Suggested that we make a donation to Johnny Khamis' July 4 celebration at Almaden Lake. **MOTION:** It was moved by Jim Kuhl and seconded that the Almaden Sr. Assoc. donate \$500 to Johnny Khamis' Fourth of July celebration at Almaden Lake. Motion carried. He advised expect crowds and parking problems. Suggestion: e-mail Johnny about having a shuttle from the Water Dept. to the Lake.
Guadalupe Landfill (Dump) will be asking for a permit to install a gas recycling facility next door to Quicksilver Park. He, with the Sierra Club, will make a big political issue of it.
Volunteer Programs: San Jose Park Dept. to help maintain the parks; anti-graffiti/anti-litter team – free kits provided; Our City Forest will plant trees if you will maintain them. S.J. Library Volunteer Program; Santa Teresa Ridge Development Project – County might buy land there and this thing might come to pass.
- **Don House – SeniorNet:** Will recognize 80-some SeniorNet volunteers at a meeting next week. He's working on a 2015 calendar. Next registration will be July 5.
- **Nancy Koppel – Friends of the Library:** Book sale of May 3 brought in \$4,092, and now a donor will match \$4,000. Have about 20 working volunteers every week sorting donations and putting in lobby. Now also have 4 teens. Star, in the Library-hired lobby café, suggests getting umbrellas for the 3 permanent tables in the PRNS-responsible courtyard. Discussion. No decision.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member: is there a second sponsor for Concert in the Park? Brian: No, but possibly an anonymous donor will match.
- Member: need dishwashers for events. \$50 per person per event. See Brian.
- Member: suggests greenery be put on chain link fence that's seen through window of the Community Room.
- Bev Temkin: re: Brian leaving the Center, do we know when and who will be replacing?
Hal: City is hiring 5 new specialists and moving others. Brian will be moving to Willow Glen; no exact date yet, but end of July. The person coming here will be a new hire; second round of interviews (by 4 people) will be week of June 20, hoping for a gerontology background and desire to work with seniors. Could be external hire or internal promotion. .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Room.

Submitted by
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: July 2, 2014