

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
October 1, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:48 am by President, Marilyn Entin. In attendance were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Treasurer Bill Hubka, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Specialist Amy Jewett, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Edmunds. Members & Visitors: Gordon Alliano, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Pat Eagan, Nancy Koppel, Don House, Chickie Nemeth, Bev Temkin, Stephen Mellors, Jeanne Sanders, Rich Sanders, Betty McGowan, Erin Barclay, Jim Kuhl, Jaime Fearer, Monica Bellizzi, Pat Alligood, Nadine Ambrose, Mike Donohoe and Rich Crowley. Absent was Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth.

The minutes of the September 3, 2014, meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The September 2014 treasurer's report (copy attached) was distributed and discussed. Income \$2,266.14; expenses \$1,899.73. Several empty membership dues envelopes can be addressed after the money handling policy is changed. Monies for the two trips haven't been finalized yet.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- Not present at the meeting.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS:

- **Crime:** Despite mailers to the contrary, and although crime was higher to 2012, actually crime is down 12% in 2013 and 9% in 2014. Council approved delaying 4% take-away from police and fire paychecks for 1½ years; passed that a retired police officer can be rehired and collect retirement, simultaneously (Now it's up to the unions to implement if they want to); graduated 3 police academies this year; restored the 10% pay cut from 2009. Unions rejected both a triple pay for multilingual officers and doubling of education pay. Have 25 new community service officers. Just passed zoning changes for marijuana dispensaries to be farther from schools, rehab centers and residences, from about 126 to 26 locations. But because of anti signature campaign, it will placed on 2016 ballot.
- **Wall Painting** – on Santa Teresa, 4th wall completed. Working with County on Almaden Expwy median between Coleman and McAbee to add a welcome-to-Almaden sign, supported by organizations and J. Khamis' office.
- **2015 July 4 Celebration** – Planning begun; need volunteers and donors. Question re: County watering the Almaden divider with recycled water. He will find out. He's working with County and has asked local clubs to donate and/or maintain.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSHELLE EDMUNDS:

- Nothing additional to report. Question re: adding more handicapped parking. It was checked a year ago with DOT and Parks staff, and at that time it wasn't an option because ratio of regular to handicapped was o.k. Since it's been requested again, she will look into it. Also, additional signage at Bose to direct cars into the lot. Another question: parents are parking in lot for the school and fast driving, danger for seniors and kids. Suggest a sign to say not a drop-off point.

RECREATION SPECIALIST – AMY JEWETT:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014 -- 1,728 members. 2015 sales start Nov. 1.
- **Harvest Festival** – Sat. Oct. 25 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Need baked goods for the sale; deliver Fri. Oct. 24 to the conference room. Put note on goods if needs refrigeration and if contains nuts. Contact Bev or Amy to volunteer for selling on 10/25. Bev will announce at Morning Stretch.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Event** – Sat. Nov. 8. Invitation only. Asking for the volunteers to let her know so they can receive invitation. Not only for Seniors.
- **Project Update** – Still waiting for a quote for the Community Room sound system. Question re: progress in getting video camera in lobby facing café. She will ask Hal.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- Not present at meeting.

PLANNING AND POLICY MANAGER, CALIFORNIA WALKS – JAIME FEARER :

- (handout attached) A Statewide Pedestrian Advocacy Organization. In S.C. County. San Jose Steps Coalition, Senior Speed Zone Campaign to encourage seniors to get involved in advising City of needed pedestrian safety areas. Signage, reduce speed limit around a senior facility to 25 mph (no funding or enforcement). To encourage City to start a pilot program, do advocacy training. She would like to return and do training. Discussion. Suggestion: hire someone to police the area during school; have a police car there at the beginning of the school year. Marilyn suggested she get a meeting scheduled with Amy.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- **Pat Alligood – Trip Update:** Distributed approval form for 12/17/14 San Francisco trip, with Kanen insurance letter on the back. (I do not have the insurance side.) She says there is a contract. (Per Marilyn, we want to get liability insurance for the Board members before this trip, so include that in money approval motion.) **MOTION:** It was moved by Stephen Mellors and seconded that \$2,550 be provided for the San Francisco trip bus fare on 12/17/14 pending insurance liability coverage for the Board members before the trip. Motion carried pending liability insurance coverage. Per Bill Hubka, he received e-mail from San Jose Charter; Pat had sent them a request for trips for next year. Since the trip program is suspended after Dec. unless someone with professional trip experience volunteers to take over, Bill will call San Jose Charter and tell them.
- **Marlene Duffin – Liability Insurance:** Researching 5 companies for Directors and Officers insurance. (1) Specialty Risk Insurance - \$400/yr. (2) CIMA – minimum \$800. (3) Non-Profit Insurance Alliance of Calif. - \$600. (4) National Trust – awaiting bid. (5) NIS – submitted info to them, awaiting reply. All for \$1 million coverage. She will present the findings to the Board.
- **Erin Barclay – Events Update:** On 9/16 Fiesta in celebration of Mexican Independence Day ; delicious home-cooked food; mariachi music; raffle, beautiful decorations; many volunteers. Very well received. Diwali scheduled for Oct. cancelled because of scheduling difficulties. Oktoberfest – on Fri. 10/17 at 2:00 p.m. Rich and Jeanne Sanders co-chairs. German beer tasting with 4 different beers, German food and music. Have volunteers, are asking Bateman to have nutrition lunch in different room
- **Bev Temkin – Nominations; Thursday Lunch:** We need a new secretary and a new treasurer for the next 2 years beginning in Jan. Would like people interested in and with familiarity with our group. Please consider helping us out by running for office. Talk to Bev, Erin, or Amy. Marilyn announced this at both Morning Stretch groups today. Thurs. Lunch Group – at Aqui on Snell and Blossom Hill on 10/9 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at Lobby desk. Amy will be there. Last month 30 people attended.
- **Don House – SeniorNet:** Are in first week of this session. Two classes completely filled: Cloud Computing and Windows 8.1, so created a second Cloud class with still some openings. Now 206 seats filled with 200 being a good session. More seats will fill by the middle of the month.
- **Bill Hubka – Public Relations Volunteer; Veterans Day:** Still need a new PR person for the Senior Association; let him know. Veterans Day celebration on Fri. 11/7 at 1:30 p.m. Bateman will be serving shortribs at the senior lunch followed by an hour Earthquake Preparedness presentation; then the Veterans Day event with a barbershop quartet, Betty McGowan to recite poetry, possibly an honor guard. Members thanked Bill for arranging this event.

- **Nancy Koppel - Friends of the Library:** Next big Book Sale is Sat., 11/1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They have 250 boxes of books, so might have an additional table or two outside the Community Room. Last week received 32 boxes of almost-new books from one family, mostly non-fiction and history.
- **Jim Kuhl – District 10 Coalition Report:** Meeting was on 9/20/14. (Detailed report attached.) Residential robbery number one problem in our area, increased in last year; 40% by street gangs ages 15 – 19 years. Copper theft from schools #2 problem. Boulder Ridge Golf Club wants to expand with a 3-story fitness center and swimming pool. County voters will decide on Nov. 4 whether to change the definition and zoning of golf clubs. Arguments against: original specification was for no expansion; increased traffic; and increased noise. Environmental Impact Report inadequate for ascetic impacts, scenic and noise; they are pro-development oriented. Johnny Khamis stopped the Guadalupe Landfill Gas Recovery Facility Expansion proposal suggesting an alternate site; it is not known if it will be accepted. Notify your Councilmember with concerns. Sanitary sewer repiping will begin in Sept. on Camden, Almaden Expwy, and Coleman from Almaden to Camden; also Blossom Hill.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Question: How many people do we have trained to use the defibrillators (one is mounted on the wall to the right of the lobby desk, and the other is upstairs mounted to the left of the elevator)? Amy said she is, and she will check with Hal.
- October 9 is Thunder Valley Casino trip.
- November Thanksgiving Dinner is Wed., Nov. 19. Co-chair is Lisa Olsen.
- December Holiday Brunch date changed to Sat. Dec. 6 at 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 4.

Submitted by
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: November 3, 2014