

ALMADEN SENIOR ASSOCIATION MEETING
November 5, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Almaden Senior Association was called to order at 9:48 am by Co-Vice President Ralph Butterworth. In attendance were Treasurer Bill Hubka, Secretary Margery Marble, Recreation Specialist Amy Jewett, Senior Citizens Commissioner Vince Tarpey, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, and Assistant to Councilmember Rayshelle Edmunds. Members & Visitors: Gordon Alliano, Doreen Morgan, Venus Phillips, Nancy Koppel, Chickie Nemeth, Bev Temkin, Stephen Mellors, Jeanne Sanders, Rich Sanders, Betty McGowan, Erin Barclay, Arlene DeMoss, Kermit Olsen, Laura Randall, Lillian Grimes, Arden Weiner, Barbara Kahnberg, Carole Roszkowski, Bea Haddad, and Sally Sargent. Absent were Co-Vice President Marlene Duffin, Recreation Supervisor Hal Spangenberg, and Advisor Don House.

Ralph announced that Marilyn Entin has resigned as president for personal reasons.

The minutes of the October 1, 2014, meeting were distributed, read, and approved.

TREASURER – BILL HUBKA:

The October 2014 treasurer's report (copy attached) was distributed and discussed. Income \$3,073.47; expenses \$3,557.32. Trip refunds completed. 2015 membership dues begin 11/1; City will be collecting. Amy will provide us with membership list and amounts each month.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSIONER – VINCE TARPEY:

- On Nov. 14 Sr. Citizens Commission will meet with VTA to discuss preserving senior seating on VTA.
- On Nov. 18 City Council will vote to restrict bike riding on some downtown city streets and sidewalks, which police support. Distributed sheets to sign in support of the ordinance.

GUEST REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER – JOHNNY KHAMIS:

- 21 graduates from police academy this Friday. But sidewalk bike riding will probably be complaint driven.
- Because the marijuana collective people gathered enough signatures to get a vote to overturn the Council's restrictive ordinance on marijuana sales locations, the Council, yesterday, voted to put it on 2016 ballot rather than hold an expensive special election now.
- Santa will come to Oakridge Mall via helicopter on Nov. 15 at 9:30 am near Sears. Johnny will be there to greet him.
- VTA board will report at meeting this Thurs. their strategy for ensuring seniors have priority over bicyclists. Also this Thurs. VTA will vote to add a HOT lane (High Occupancy Toll) on Hgwy 85 each way from 101 to 280. Saratoga and Cupertino people not in favor. Most of money will come from Federal government. Please attend and speak up. Meeting at 5:30 pm on Thursday at the County Chambers on 70 W. Hedding.
- He voted 2 weeks ago to accept the Senior Audit report on the mishandling of money by other Centers. They created criteria for handling money. He agreed we have to handle money in an accountable way. He had worked to delay the vote twice; his colleagues said they were going to vote whether he did or not. Instead of having them accept the whole report and let Parks dictate what's going on, he asked in the vote to have Parks work together with the 3 non-profit Centers to make the MOU an amicable agreement. The City attorney came here to a meeting; there should be a good understanding. He's committed to working with us and the City so both are agreeable and transparent.
- Per Stephen Mellors: Nutrition participants resent being told lunches will be cooked on site beginning Jan. 20 and about 75 signed a petition to that effect. They don't want a change. Per Rayshelle: She spoke with Tracey; the way they communicated this change wasn't good. The intention was having a cook on site makes the food quality better. Our site mgr., Jackie, would be here along with the cook. She told Tracy if they don't want it, don't

do it. Johnny said he'd tell Tracey to leave program catered as it is now. (Issue of the Events people not being allowed in the kitchen to prepare for events has been resolved. Bateman will serve lunch upstairs.)

Member suggestion: survey the senior membership and find out how many people who eat here would prefer to have food cooked here. Implementation wouldn't start until Jan. 20. Johnny will advise to hold off implementing on-site cooking unless survey results show overwhelmingly in favor of on-site cooking. Amy will work with Stephen and put a survey form in the December Newsletter.

ASSISTANT TO COUNCILMEMBER – RAYSELLE EDMUNDS:

- Nothing additional to report.
- Re: request last month for increased handicapped parking and signs to notify parents and students, she hasn't heard back from DOT but will continue working on it and let us know. Per a member: 10 mph sign at Bose entrance is covered by tree leaves. Also pathway to the school is really overgrown. Rayshelle will handle.

RECREATION SUPERVISOR – HAL SPANGENBERG:

- Not present at meeting

RECREATION SPECIALIST – AMY JEWETT:

- **Senior Membership:** For 2014 -- 1,748 members. 2015 sales start Nov. 1.
- **Harvest Festival** – On Oct. 25 a great success. Gross income \$3500; 25 boutique vendors.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Event** – Changed to Sat. Nov. 22 at 2:00 pm. Asks for funding of \$600. **MOTION:** It was moved by Betty McGowan and seconded that the Association provide \$600 to help fund the Volunteer Appreciation event on 11/22/14. Motion carried.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner:** On Wed. Nov. 19 at 2:00 pm. So far 73 tickets sold. Co-chair Lisa Olsen. Signup downstairs for volunteers. Meal will be catered. Games with prizes. Raffles.
- **Project Update** – Part of sound system replaced. Will check with Hal re: next step.

MEMBER REPORTS:

- Ralph thanked the Travel Committee (Sally Sargent, Bea Haddad, and Pat Alligood) for their work to reestablish the program.
- **Rich and Jeanne Sanders – Oktoberfest:** 10/17/14 - Had only 3 weeks' notice because Diwali festival was cancelled. Food, decorations, beer stein/flowers centerpieces, menu card, many volunteers, income \$1800 from raffle and tickets, spent \$892 plus food cost. Worked with BevMo re: beer choices, had place mats with beer names and description, 3 oz. samples of 4 different beers (84 bottles), musician William DeMichelis, member of Silicon Valley Accordion Society, charged \$150, digital accordion. Had to hire a policeman.
- **Bev Temkin and Erin Barclay – Nomination Committee:** They are not getting volunteers to run for offices Secretary and Treasurer. The Board will appoint a president. If you are even a little bit interested, see Erin or Bev.
- **Bev Temkin – Updates:** Bake Sale: 10/25/14 - 35 people donated; raised \$661. Thurs. Lunch Group: on Nov. 13 at the new Panera on Cottle Rd. Sign up at front desk. Holiday Brunch: on Sat. Dec. 6 at 11:00 am. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Ralph Butterworth - SeniorNet:** no update.
- **Nancy Koppel – Friends of the Library:** Book sale 11/1/14 raised \$4,495 donated directly to the library. Do not know if there will be another sale.
- **Bill Hubka – Updates:** Still need a PR person. Veterans Day activity on Nov. 7 with honor guard from S.C. Univ. ROTC program, barbershop quartet. Sr. Leadership Meeting on 10/23/14 at City Hall hosted by Tracey Gott who wants to establish city-wide senior activities and wants support from all of the Associations. Ideas – a Black and White Ball at the City Hall rotunda, a weekend camping trip in Yosemite, 50-plus games associated with an active-aging week, in May (older Americans month) – a health fair and walk, formerly at History Park. Also, wants city-wide communication improvement -- handout of list of activities available at each Community Center (copy attached). Also, brought attention to website sanjoseca.gov showing activities and classes of 50-plus with possible future direct links to (eg) Almadenseniors.org.

Nancy Koppel noticed no notary service offered at any Center; can we get one? Amy will look into it.

City Council meeting on 10/21/14 – 4 people spoke against the City Audit. MOU not specifically discussed. Since then, the Board met with Molly Dent, a City attorney, PRNS people, Amy. Three ways to go: plan A – sign MOU as they have presented it to us (not in our best interest); plan B – do nothing, not sign anything, but effects are unknown; plan C – delete the part relating to the City giving us the membership money, letting the City collect and retain the dues and getting rid of City requirements for bookkeeping and auditing our records and establishing a specific accounting procedure and other things in there that wouldn't be there if we let the City keep the money. He wants the Board to meet again with the City attorney and PRNS Suzanne Wolfe to get something nailed down, hopefully within a couple of weeks.

Per Rayshelle: this MOU would be for the 3 non-profit Assoc. who could individualize it by attaching their bylaws. The attorney was to have gotten back with us on the positives and negatives of plan B above. We haven't heard a response from the attorney yet as a result of the last meeting. Rayshelle will follow up with her.

- **Jim Kuhl – District 10 Coalition:** not present at meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member reported dangerous situation on Camden Ave. with removed striping. Per Johnny, it's on the slate to be repaved, postponed because shortage of asphalt plus cannot repave if it's raining. Rayshelle will follow up and email a response to this member. Johnny urged everyone to contact his office to report any dangerous situations and not wait for an Association meeting.
- Per Ralph: Senior Play auditions on Nov. 17 from 3 to 5 pm in Community Room.
- November 7 - Earthquake Preparedness Presentation at 1 pm. Followed by Veterans Day.
- November 12 – Pedestrian Safety Presentation at 10 am.
- December 3 – Handiwork for Others Holiday Boutique from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 4.

Submitted by
Margery Marble, Secretary

Approval date: December 3, 2014