

The Almaden Senior Association Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

President Bill Hubka called the meeting to order at 9:45am. Announcements are:

- Vice President Rich Sanders will lead the meetings for the next two months (May and June) as Bill will be on vacation.
- Owing to overall volunteer workload, the Association procedure changes efforts will be focused on the Charitable Donations and Refunds Policy/Procedures for the next few months.
- A name change will be proposed for the Association. Suggestions welcomed.
- A working group will meet soon to plan the 2017 events schedule and content.

Secretary Marlene Duffin reviewed February and March Minutes. They were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer A. Randall is on vacation so President Bill reviewed the Income and Expenses for March. The report was approved as submitted.

Councilmember's Presentation

- D10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** noted:
 - General Sales Tax increase, on ballot in June, will allow money to be spent on anything, not designated areas.
 - Pavement maintenance is his priority; \$72 million is needed to maintain streets per year which the City does not have.
 - Apartment Ordinance in works which would limit rent increases for rent controlled apartments to 2% per year. Possible impact is that smaller apartment owners will eventually sell out and larger developers will buy and build skyward.
 - Medical Marijuana Petition on June ballot will repeal City Council controls and restrictions on marijuana laws. In San Jose there are 16 legal dispensaries.
- Assistant to Councilmember **Denelle Fedor** thanked the association for the July 4th donation.

Senior Citizens Commissioner: Denelle reported (for **Mr. Tarpey**) that a lack of transportation to community center for lunch is being discussed.

Assemblyman Stone's Representative Angela Gile announced the Advanced Care and Estate Planning workshop April 15 in Scotts Valley. Also noted that tax scams are prevalent at this time of year, so be careful.

PRNS Reports

- Center Supervisor **Dominique Pacolba** and Gerontology Specialist **Adriana Copado**:
 - Adriana noted the Association has 1238 members at this time, and reviewed March City Account expenses.

- Dom announced that new furniture (couch and love seat) have been purchased for the 2nd floor Neighborhood Community Services room.

Member Reports

- Events Master Calendar Update: **Vice President Rich Sanders** said that there are no updates to the Events Calendar, but that Co-Chairs are needed in September, November and December.
- Trips planning: **Sally Sargent** reported that the San Francisco Disney Museum trip has signed up 49 out of 50 slots. Rich requested a check for the Cache Creek Casino bus (\$900); a motion was made and approved to pay this contingent upon having 26 people signed up by May 3rd.
- t. Patrick Event Report: **Mary Yavorn** reported that the dinner went well, entertainment was excellent, and she received many favorable comments. Mary also reported that some merchants are being overtaxed if asked too many times to donate to the raffle. We need data base to watch this.
- Big Band Bash Event Update: **Betty McGowan** noted she has list of merchants donating to the Bash Raffle. Bateman is doing the food. Everything on track.
- Out to Lunch Group April Event: **Bev Temkin** has planned for lunch at Bistro Tupaz, located at Snell and Santa Teresa on May 12th.

President's Business

- A motion made and passed to donate \$500 to the July 4th Almaden Lake celebration.
- Discussion of City demographics in the Almaden Valley. How can we attract younger people into our organization?
 - Should we change the name of the organization? Benefits for joining the Association should be noted.
 - Changing hours of events could help attract younger people. Focus on group that we want to attract such as 50-65 age range.

Guest Reports

- Friends of the Library: **Monica Bellizzi** Book Sale April 16th
- D10 Leadership: **Jim Kuhl**:
 - Emergency Preparedness Classes continuing; will have training in Almaden Valley.
 - 4000 are homeless in San Jose. Santa Clara Co has housing for 1000 people. Total of 7000 homeless people in county.
 - Environmental Services will do a free pick up once a year at your home.
 - Patent Office does 80% of business in this area.

Adjournment