

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 27, 2011 - 1:00 PM
LAS PALMAS PARK
505 S. HUNTINGTON STREET, SAN FERNANDO, CA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Angel Avila, Marco "Tulio" Escobar, Michael Kmet,
Clara Krum and Benita Rivera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Ismael Aguila, RCS Operations Manager
Virginia Ufano, Community Services Supervisor
Maribel Perez, Program Specialist
Linda Bowden Moreno, Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kmet called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Angel Avila

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Linda Bowden Moreno

Present: Ángel Ávila, Marco "Tulio" Escobar, Michael Kmet, Clara Krum and

Absent: Benita Rivera

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the October 27, 2011 Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Motion:	Michael Kmet	Second by: Marco "Tulio" Escobar
For:	Unanimous	
Against:	None	
Abstained:	None	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2011 Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion:	Clara Krum	Second by:	Marco "Tulio" Escobar
For:	Unanimous		
Against:	None		
Abstained:	None		

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- None at this time

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Esther Schillar, Executive Director of S.A.F.E., a non-profit agency funded by the State of California, is assisting the City of San Fernando in developing and passing a smoke-free ordinance. Ms. Schillar is particularly addressing the problem of drifting smoke in multi-family units.
- Surveys are being conducted in the City of San Fernando. Completed surveys reveal almost one third of those living in apartments in San Fernando are affected by neighbors who smoke. Most of those surveyed would prefer to live in a smoke free building and would like to see a law passed that would prohibit smoking in multi-family units.
- Ms. Schiller will continue working with the City of San Fernando to assist with the process of passing a smoke-free ordinance and would like to return to the next Senior Board meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CSUN/San Fernando Wellness Partnership Update

- Liane Fujita reported that Healthy Family Classes are about half way through. The last day of classes will be on 11/18/11.
- Classes are planned to continue in the future. One of the goals is to create a "faith-based" partnership.
- The *Golden Games* 5K event is scheduled for 11/12/11.

B. Senior Board Re-appointments

- The Parks, Wellness & Recreation Commission approved the re-appointments of Mr. Kmet, Ms. Krum and Ms. Rivera. Congratulations on the re-appointments!

C. Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Workshop Update

- Maribel Perez reported that the Red Cross held a workshop providing instruction on how to build an emergency kit on the day of the *Great Shake Out Drill*. Prepared kits are available for purchase from the Red Cross at a cost of \$80.00.
- A Spanish language workshop will be scheduled sometime in the future.

D. Elderly Nutrition Program Update

- Maribel Perez reported that registrations for the nutrition program are in process. Staff has completed about 60% of the registrations.
- The homebound meal program has added a few more meals. At this time, 26 meals are delivered to homebound recipients.
- The Senior Nutrition Program will celebrate Halloween on Monday, October 31st. Festivities will include music, treats, dancing and prizes. The event is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

E. Senior Programming Update

- Staff informed the board that senior aerobics and yoga classes are on going at this time. The next semester will begin the first week of February of 2012.
- The Las Palmas Senior Club will host their annual Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 22nd at Las Palmas Park from 7 pm to 12 am. Prizes will be awarded for best costume in various categories.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- None at this time

B. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- A *Neighborhood Watch* meeting is scheduled tonight at the San Fernando Police Department at 6:00 p.m.

- The *Great Shake Out Drill* was held on 10/20/11. Las Palmas Park participated in the drill by having park visitors practice the *Drop, Cover and Hold On Drill*. Seniors who were unable to take cover under a table put their head down and shielded their head with their hands.
- A *Volunteer Recognition Dinner* is planned for 11/22/11. The Senior Board Members will be recognizing volunteers for their hard work and dedication.
- Ismael Aguila reported that documents would be submitted for the installation of the exercise equipment at Las Palmas Park in the near future.
- Ismael Aguila advised the board that the flooring located at the tot lot is scheduled to be repaired due to damage from wear and tear.

C. Next Senior Board Meeting

- Next Senior Board meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012.

D. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Benita Rivera expressed her appreciation for her re-appointment to the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.
- Benita Rivera commented on the attire of certain members who hold official positions representing the City of San Fernando. Individuals need to dress professionally while representing the City.
- Benita Rivera requested that shrubs located on the southeast wall of Las Palmas Park, adjacent to her property, be trimmed to avoid loitering.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Senior Board meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Motion:	Benita Rivera	Second by: Clara Krum
For:	Unanimous	
Against:	None	
Abstained:	None	