

## CITY OF BELL GARDENS

# REGULAR MEETING SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

## **MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

## Call to Order:

Chairperson Diana Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Resuming due to technical difficulties with roll call.

## Pledge of Allegiance:

Community Services Stephanie Perez forewent the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

#### Roll Call:

Commission Secretary Daisy Moreno:

Chairperson Diana Rivera Present
Vice Chairperson Stephanie Perez Present
Commissioner Ana Maria Sanchez-Flores Present

## **Public Participation Comments on Agenda Items:**

Commission Secretary, Daisy Moreno confirms there are no public comments on agenda items.

#### Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Diana Rivera asked to motion the minutes from the regular meeting of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Ana Maria Sanchez-Flores motioned to approve the minutes. Vice Chairperson Stephanie Perez seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Diana requests Commission Secretary Daisy Moreno to take roll call vote.

Chairperson Diana Rivera
 Vice-Chairperson Stephanie Perez
 Commissioner Ana Maria Sanchez-Flores

## Recreation and Community Services Department Updates

A. Supervisor Diana Ortiz provides the Recreation and Community Services update. The Back-to-School Fair is being hosted by the City of Bell Gardens Saturday, August 12th at Veterans Park. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be a resource fair that will feature a variety of family essential resources. School aged children from pre-k to 12th grade who reside in the city of Bell Gardens will have the opportunity to receive free health and dental screenings and free backpacks filled with school essentials. They will be provided till supplies last. This should serve over 650 Bell Gardens children. You must be a Bell Gardens resident to participate and must provide proof of Bell Gardens residency. The STAR program continues to offer diverse engaging activities for its attendees. The program is an adaptive recreation program for people with physical developmental disabilities. Invites commissioners to join the program from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Bell

Gardens Veterans Park. Supervisor Ortiz shared updates of the Summer Camp. Summer Day Camp concluded its last week of camp on August 4th. Day Camp was very popular, and each week was sold out which is great, kids had a lot of fun which included steam outdoor activities. Children enjoyed Friday excursions. Thanks to all the participants for joining the summer day camp. The Girls Rock Event was held on Saturday, July 29th. It's an annual growth rock event that was held at the Neighborhood Youth Center. Girls Rock is a program that was developed to cultivate self-esteem in girls ages 6 to 13 years old. This year's theme event was art. Participants were encouraged to work together. Moving on to Small Fry T-Ball had over 130 participants that registered for practices. League play is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 15th at Bell Gardens Veterans Park. Lastly, Youth volleyball registration will start Monday, August 14th. Participants will need to be between the ages of 8-13 or 14 years old or they are in 8th grade. The last day to register will run through September 14th and practices are set to begin in September at the John Anson Ford Park. Days and times will be determined later. Vice Chairperson Stephanie Perez motions to file report. Commissioner Ana Maria Sanchez seconds the motion to file the report.

Chairperson Diana requests Commission Secretary Daisy Moreno to take roll call vote.

Chairperson Diana Rivera yes
 Vice-Chairperson Stephanie Perez yes
 Commissioner Ana Maria Sanchez yes

## B. Senion Updates:

Supervisor Diana Ortiz shared Sip & paint will take place Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Clara Senior Center. Seniors will have the opportunity to follow along with an art instructor which will teach them how to conduct a very intricate painting while they get to sip some mocktails. No alcohol will be allowed. Encourages all senior who would like to participate to attend the Clara Senior Center. The Billiards Tournament will take place at the Clara Senior Center on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The matches will be competitive and enjoyable for the community. The winner will be awarded a high-quality pool cue and case. The center will be offering free transportation from the BVGP Senior Center to the Clara Center. Next, the senior golf day will be held on August 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Bell Gardens Golf Course. This event will be fun, it will include food and different sorts of activities. Golf might not necessarily be a sport that is the most popular within the community, but it is fun and relaxing. Please contact the Senior Center for additional information. Lastly, I will give a bit about excursions. The center recently had an excursion to the Aquarium of the Pacific on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Over thirty seniors were registered for the event that was sold out. Seniors bonded and had a great time. Commissioner Ana Maria motions to file the report. Vice Chairperson Stephanie Perez seconds the motion to file the report.

Chairperson Diana requests Commission Secretary Daisy Moreno to take role call and file this report.

Chairperson Diana Rivera yes
 Vice-Chairperson Stephanie Perez yes
 Commissioner Ana Maria-Sanchez yes

## **Public Comments:**

Commission Secretary, Daisy Moreno confirms there are no public comments on non-agenda items.

## **Comments from Commission:**

Vice Chairperson Stephanie Perez would like to follow up on the casino trips seniors were doing a long time ago. Would like to know if they will move forward.

 Supervisor Diana Ortiz shared seniors are looking forward to casino trips. Hopes to have a casino trip beginning Fall of this year. Seniors have been informed and encouraged to join all other excursions. The aquarium was a huge success, the goal is to expose seniors to different locations.

Chairperson Diana Rivera would like to thank all commissioners for attending the senior citizen commission meeting.

#### Adjournment:

Chairperson Diana announces the meeting will be adjourned if there is no objection by the commissioners. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Miriam Vargas-Cervantes, Senior Citizen Commission Secretary