

**PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
211 NOVAK DRIVE, PETALUMA, CA
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2008 MEETING**

Call to order: 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence to honor our servicemen and women.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Bill Greene, Chairman; Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary; Pat Wapp. **ABSENT:** Rene Hughes and William B. Jones

STAFF PRESENT: Don Streeper, Recreation Coordinator; Jessica Schieberl; David Yearsley, Parks & Recreation Commission; Scott Brodhun, Director, Parks & Recreation Department

GUEST: Andrew Martin was here to observe.

GUEST COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Pat Wapp to accept the January 9, 2008 minutes was seconded by Bill Greene. The motion was approved unanimously. Minutes are placed on file.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

>New staff assignments and responsibilities: Scott Brodhun, Director.

As director of the Parks & Recreation Department, Scott Brodhun is responsible for the maintenance, recreation and senior center staff. His department is understaffed and the aquatic program needs support. Therefore, Don Streeper, Recreation Coordinator at the Petaluma Senior Center, has been assigned an additional job. Don will be responsible for two pools in the aquatic program - Cavanaugh Swim Center, located on G Street, and the Petaluma Swim Center, located on East Washington Street. With Don's expanding responsibilities, Jessica will get assistance from Amy with aquatic duties. Senior Advisory Committee members were asked to keep their eyes and ears open to insure that the operation of the Senior Center is adequately covered. If there are complaints, let Don know about it.

STAFF REPORT:

>Newsletter-Don: The 2008 newsletter goal is 2,000 copies - 700 by direct mail and 1,300 delivered. A 24-page newsletter is anticipated.

>Senior Club Membership-Don:

As of February 13, 400 members have renewed their 2008 Senior Club membership.

Member Survey: 559 copies of a member survey were included in the January newsletter. To date, twenty-one (21) responses were received, or 3.5%. Pat Wapp prepared a report, the "Survey:Increasing Hours of the "Center" operation" dated 2/12/08. A review of the 2009 hours survey has been tabled for the April 9 meeting. If desired, Senior Advisory Committee members can see the 21 survey response forms by contacting Don.

>Planning/Travel-Don: 2008 trips are printed in the newsletter. 18 participated in the February 6 visit to the de Young Museum, San Francisco; March 13, San Francisco Flower & Garden Show is very popular. If more than 20 sign up, we can get a bigger bus. In April, look for the S.F. Presidio tour (nature and historical walks). May, a tour of the Marine Mammal Center & Wild Flower. June, the Giants game and/or Golden Gate Fields horse racing. July, Copia.

Suggestions for future trips: David Yearsley - a Dolphin Charters tour. Pat Wapp - Petaluma Wildlife Museum, maintained by students at Petaluma High School. Canine tour, where dogs (Labradors and Retrievers) are trained to assist the disabled.

Note: Bill Greene knows Vida Blue, in the Giants organization, and believes it may be possible to get free tickets to the Giants ballgame. Bill will work with Don on this.

>Programs: Project Applause, Saturday, May 3, at the Petaluma Community Center. This is a very enjoyable afternoon Tea and Classical Music performance by Sonoma State University students.

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COMMITTEE REPORT:

>Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP): Lorraine

A report was given on hours donated by volunteers at the Petaluma Senior Center through the RSVP program. **2007:** Total volunteer hours worked 2,355-1/4. Average numbers of volunteers: 20. Monthly hours average: 196.27; Quarterly hours average: 588.82. Don will highlight the RSVP program in the March newsletter.

>Cookbook Project: Lorraine.

To make the public aware of the "River Town Recipes" cookbook, Lorraine will send a Press Release to the Argus-Courier for publication in the community section of the newspaper. With 54 cases (21 per case) the

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Cookbook Committee needs a marketing plan. Distribution of the cookbooks was discussed briefly. Possibilities mentioned were G&G Market, Lucky's (Pat Wapp), Friends of the Petaluma River (David Yearsley).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

>**Applicants needed for the SAC.** Two more members are needed for the Senior Advisory Committee. Additionally, the decision was to table the appointment of a Vice-Chairman until we have a full board.

NEW BUSINESS:

None received.

Items from Senior Advisory Committee members for discussion at our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 are due and must be receiving in writing ten (10) days prior to the scheduled SAC meeting. Don's e-mail address is dstreeper@ci.petaluma.ca.us.

Bill Greene was advised to put on the March 12 agenda his concerns for senior safety on the March 12 agenda. Lorraine McEvoy to do the same for her suggestion on member profiles in the monthly newsletter.

>**Meeting adjourned:** at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary, on February 28, 2008

NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.