

**PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
211 NOVAK DRIVE, PETALUMA, CA  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2008 MEETING\***

\*Change of date from March 12, 2008

**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; Rene Hughes, William B. Jones, and Pat Wapp.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Don Streeper, Recreation Coordinator. **ABSENT:** David Yearsley, Parks & Recreation Commission.

**GUEST:** Tami Kennedy, an observer. Tami is a nursing student at Santa Rosa Jr. College.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion made by William B. Jones to accept the February 13, 2008 minutes was seconded by Pat Wapp. The motion was approved unanimously. Minutes are placed on file.

**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 March 19, 575 members have renewed their 2008 Senior Club membership.

>**Member Survey** about Change of Hours 2009. A discussion of the survey response regarding change in hours and possible use of the senior center on weekend days in 2009 has been tabled for the April 9 meeting. If desired, Senior Advisory Committee members can review the 21 survey responses by contacting Don.

>**Budget Forecast for City of Petaluma.** The advisory committee was provided with a copy of the memorandum dated March 19 from the Interim City Manager, Gene Beatty, to the Mayor and Council Members, which addressed the current economic situation that is impacting local governments throughout California and the rest of the nation. The shared memo is the City Manager's attempt to keep everyone in the loop about the difficult economic issues that must be faced. It is estimated that the general fund will have a potential shortfall of approximately \$7.6 million next fiscal year and City staff is attempting to identify opportunities to narrow the gap.

>**Planning/Travel-Don:** 2008 trips are printed in the newsletter. April 23, San Francisco Presidio tour (nature and historical walks); May 6, Buck Institute, Novato; June 4, the San Francisco Giants game through Bill Greene's contact with Vida Blue, former S.F. Giants pitcher, and the July 23 San Francisco Crime tour.

>**Programs:** Project Applause is planned for Saturday, May 10, at the Petaluma Community Center. You don't want to miss this very enjoyable afternoon Tea with Classical music performed by Sonoma State University students.

The Aquatics program is progressing nicely. The recent opening of the City pool was well received. A physical fitness and swimming programs are being offered at the Cavanagh Center pool. Don said he plans to make an announcement at the Parks & Recreation Department meeting tonight about the lifeguard training courses available for junior/over 15 lifeguards and adult lifeguards. An adult with a lifeguard certification is eligible to apply for employment as an adult lifeguard at our swimming pools. The next issue of our newsletter will have more information about the swim programs available in Petaluma.

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

>**Cookbook Project: Lorraine.** The article in the Argus Courier about the cookbook was excellent. As a result of the article published on Thursday, March 13, I received a number of calls, including Annie Van Maaren, co-owner of EverMay Garden Center, 301 Wilson Street, Petaluma, who offered to put our cookbook in their place of business. Other resources for sales were suggested, such as the Lucchesi Community Center, Whole Foods stores, G&G Market and the Petaluma Visitors Center (Pat Wapp). Also, we could share space with David Yearsley or get our town table at the August 10, 2008 River Festival event, sponsored by Friends of the Petaluma River. Bill Greene suggested a making a video to publicize the cookbook on PCA. Don Streeper said some good ideas were presented at last night's meeting of the PCA and he expects more involvement with PCA.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

>**Applicants needed for the SAC.** Two more members are needed for the Senior Advisory Committee. An application form can be obtained at the City Clerk's office.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

>**Congratulations to Pat Wapp**, a member of our Advisory Committee. Pat received a Community Service Award from District 1, California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS), in recognition of her outstanding community service for her church, the community, and programs at the Petaluma Senior Center. The Awards and Installation Banquet was at the Mill Valley Community Center on February 23, 2008.

>**Ethics Training for Committee Members, AB1234.** AB1234 requires that local agency officials receive at least two hours of training in general ethics principles and ethics laws relevant to their public service every two years. The training is online, free of charge, at <http://localethics.fppc.ca.gov/ab1234/>. If you cannot complete the training online, contact Claire Cooper, CMC, City Clerk for information about local ethics training being offered.

>**Senior Center kitchen renovation status.** Don advised that Rebuilding Together Petaluma has offered assistance with our project and obtaining appliances. Additionally, to avoid confusion, Don advised committee members that two kitchen projects are being discussed simultaneously. One is the Petaluma Senior Center kitchen renovation project and the second is the Senior Cafe, the dining site operated by the Petaluma People Services Center, which is expanding their kitchen.

>**Park Safety.** A safety issue, the parking lot lights are being assessed for repair (a budget item). Frank Penry, City Traffic Engineer, anticipates that this safety improvement will be completed before next winter.

**Items from Senior Advisory Committee members for discussion at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 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](mailto:dstreeper@ci.petaluma.ca.us).**

>**Meeting adjourned:** at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine McEvoy, Secretary, on April 8, 2008

**NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**