

COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
Galt Parks & Recreation Department Conference Room
610 Chabolla Avenue, Galt, CA 95632
Thursday, July 25, 2013 – 5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Klooster, Nicolaus, Hanchey, Roberts

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Payne, City Council Member, Suzanne Nelson, Council Member Payne's daughter, George Nicewonger, Galt Resident.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Under Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the audience may address the Commission on any item of interest to the public or any agenda item before or during the Commission's consideration of the item.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. A motion was made by Comm. Hanchey and seconded by Comm. Roberts to approve the meeting minutes of May 23, 2013. There was no June meeting due to a lack of members for a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council Member Payne was present and shared information regarding the California Senior Legislature. The purpose of the CA Senior Legislature is to identify priority senior concerns; to develop legislative proposals in response to those concerns; to advocate for the inclusion of those concerns in legislative proposals of the State Legislature and to influence others to be more effective in influencing public policy on behalf of seniors. Their web site, www.4csl.org shows legislation in progress, membership, rules, meeting agendas, minutes and more.

Comm. Roberts began the discussion and overview of the Senior Games held on June 6, 2013 at the Chabolla Center. He felt there was too much separation between the vendors and seniors with the vendors set up in the parking lot area and the Games inside the Chabolla Center. Due to this separation there were very few seniors that visited the vendor area.

Comm. Roberts suggested that the Games be moved to Littleton Center where there might be more room to have the vendors and game activities in the same room. Comm. Nicolaus commented that the Games are connected to the Chabolla Center because senior activities are typically held there. There would not be enough room to combine the vendors and Games in one room at the Chabolla Center.

Comm. Roberts suggested the possibility of the Commission on Aging having our own event. He mentioned that Council Member Payne could possibly finance with discretionary funds available to her. Council Member Payne stated that she has other obligations for those funds. Comm. Roberts suggested getting sponsors. The Commission puts in a lot of time and effort to obtain vendors for the Games. We could use that time and effort to plan and organize our own event. Council Member Payne suggested that the Youth Committee be involved with the Senior Games or a Commission sponsored event. The Youth Committee needs community hours required by school.

The Rotary Club's vision for the Senior Games has focused more on assisted living seniors than on independent seniors. A question was asked if we continue to support the Rotary Club with the Senior Games or move in another direction. Comm. Hanchey made a motion to continue to assist with the games but no longer be responsible for the vendor fair. Comm. Nicolaus seconded the motion. Comm. Nicolaus suggested that the Commission have a health fair for Galt seniors. May is senior month and would be a great time to hold such an event. Ideas for a Commission event will be discussed at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comm. Klooster asked if we wanted to forego meeting in August. The Commission generally takes July and August off. A vote was taken with two yes and two no. The August meeting will commence as usual.

The County Adult & Aging Commission needs a representative and voting member from Galt. A letter of interest must be sent to the County Supervisor's office. Council Member Payne will get more information for the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryn Nicolaus, Secretary

