

COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
Galt Parks & Recreation Department Conference Room
610 Chabolla Avenue, Galt, CA 95632
Thursday, September 27, 2012 – 5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Klooster, Hanchey, Nicolaus, Wallin

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayer Barbara Payne

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 Vice Chairperson Klooster and seconded by Comm. Hanchey to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS:

Distribution of the updated Resource Guide was the first order of business. Comm. Hanchey reported some errors in the updated information. Corrections will be made prior to a new printing. Approximately fifty updated books were printed and all were distributed to seniors at the Senior Games on June 7, 2012. Due to the high cost of printing, the Galt Parks and Recreation Department printed the booklets. It was discussed that more resource guides be printed for distribution at the annual Senior Christmas Luncheon in December. A suggestion was made that a "senior section" of contact information be integrated into the Galt Membership Directory & Community Resource Guide published by the Galt Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber would need to be contacted. Comm. Wallin will check on printing of additional books through Express Type.

Vice Chairperson Klooster volunteered to chair the commission meetings until a new president was elected. Comm. Hanchey made a motion to elect Comm. Wallin as president. Comm. Wallin accepted and Comm. Nicolaus seconded the motion.

Comm. Hanchey informed the commission that the next AARP driving class is Nov 5th and 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is free to veterans and their spouses.

Comm. Hanchey expressed concern regarding our affiliation with the Galt Rotary Club Senior Games. This years games were unorganized and short-staffed. The walk has been canceled. Mayor Payne suggested that we make a request to the council for money to buy t-shirts and bring the walk back to the games.

Dues have been paid for Comm. Hanchey, Comm. Klooster and Comm. Nicolaus to become members of the Galt Senior Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Barbara Payne was present at the meeting by invitation of Comm. Klooster. The commissioners expressed concern that they felt as though the commission had no purpose. The commission's purpose has been to provide contact information and phone numbers directing seniors to the appropriate organization or agency. Another area in which the commission has been asked for assistance is to be a third party in a dispute such as resident vs. manager situations. The only support the commission can give is to listen and be constructive in their suggestions to resolve an issue. The commissioners feel the senior's need more than phone numbers and a sounding board. Comm. Hanchey commented that that was our purpose. Mayor Payne feels the commission has purpose in that area. Comm. Nicolaus expressed concern whether or not the commission has the knowledge to direct an individual to the correct agency. Comm. Wallin suggested that we ask the City Council for guidance or to be able to go to other departments for guidance. Mayor Payne suggested that we contact the city council representative who elected us for direction. Mayor Payne suggested that we invite City Attorney Steven Rudolph to direct us in the area of senior issues. She also stated that as a commission we need to decide what we want to be or need to be in the community. Comm. Wallin suggested that we glean from other agencies such as AARP and Area 4 Agency on Aging as to their priorities.

Mayor Payne said it might be a good idea to publish an "ad" regarding the Commission on Aging in the Connections Newsletter to gain some exposure. The city clerk would need to be contacted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryn Nicolaus, Secretary

