

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
11/12/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:00 a.m., a regular meeting was convened at the Oxnard Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 North C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Commissioners present Linda Calderon, LaRita Montgomery, Naomi Ontiveros, Gloria Postel, and Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: Clark Owens

Staff members present: Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; Robert Dennis, Recreation Coordinator; and Pam Morrison, Recreation Manager.

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

ACTION: Commissioner Ontiveros moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

Commissioner Gloria Massey Chinae arrived at 9:17 a.m.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Presentation by Gina Cosio, regional director, Braille Institute of America, on services available to senior residents in Oxnard.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Service Commission receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Cosio, and Elena Garcia, library services coordinator, introduced the Braille Institute and spoke of services to Oxnard residents.
ACTION: Presentation was received.
- b. SUBJECT: Presentation by Sharon Yoon, director and CEO of Grey Law, on services available to senior residents in Oxnard.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Service Commission receive and file the presentation.
DISCUSSION: Yoon introduced Grey Law and spoke of services to Oxnard residents.
ACTION: Presentation was received.

- c. SUBJECT: Report by Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Owens on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) Advisory Committee business.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland announced the Legacy Awards will be distributed at their November 13 advisory council meeting. Awardees include longtime RSVP volunteer Sylvia Fulton.
ACTION: Report was received.
- d. SUBJECT: Recognition of Clark Owens and Naomi Ontiveros for their services on the Senior Services Commission.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission recognize and thank Commissioners Owens and Ontiveros for their service to the community.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners thanked Commissioners Ontiveros and Owens for their service and Chair Sweetland presented Certificates of Appreciation.
ACTION: Recognition was given.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. SUBJECT: Cancellation of December regular meeting
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss and approve canceling their December 10, 2024 meeting.
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland introduced canceling the December 10, 2024 meeting.
ACTION: Commissioner Ontiveros moved and Commissioner Calderon seconded canceling the December meeting.
- b. SUBJECT: 2025 Senior Services Commission Meeting Calendar
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission review and approve the 2025 Commission meeting calendar.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners requested to move the May meeting to the South Oxnard Center and the September meeting to Colonia. All other meetings remain at the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse.
ACTION: Commissioner Massey Chinae moved approval of the calendar with suggested changes. Commissioner Postel seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Technology Education Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss continuing to pursue a relationship with the Senior Planet program. Members: Commissioners Massey Chinae and Chair Sweetland
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland introduced Cyber Seniors as a new tech training provider who will offer classes starting this month.
ACTION: Report was received.
- b. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Monthly Health Presentation Goal

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Monthly Health Presentation Goal Ad-Hoc Committee Members: Commissioners Calderon and Montgomery.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Calderon discussed the upcoming monthly presentation on senior health.

ACTION: Report was received.

- c. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Center Signage and Accessibility Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss draft signage for Senior Services facilities in Wilson Park. Members: Commissioners Calderon and Postel and Chair Sweetland.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed sign content.

ACTION: Report was received.

- d. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Senior Center Program Evaluation Goal

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive an update on the Senior Center program evaluations completed and discuss next steps.

Members: Commissioners Ontiveros and Owens

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ontiveros noted there has been no information received by the committee.

ACTION: Report was received.

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

Eastlake shared 50 seniors participated in the Dia De Los Muertos opening celebration while the Seniors Trunk or Treat event drew 120 participants. Upcoming events include a Thanksgiving lunch; a SIM Paint and Sip event; and the Senior Holiday Celebration.

Dennis reported that Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (TCMBB) classes have concluded for the year, and the Spring 2025 schedule is being developed. Recent events included the TCMBB Instructor Appreciation and instructor refreshers. Upcoming Bone Builders activities include new instructor training and an in-service session.

Eastlake shared updates on senior centers: entry ramps for the Arts Building will be installed soon. An LGBT Aging Coalition focus group will meet with community members to gather information on needs. Seniors received a Tai Chi for Arthritis grant from NRPA.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Sweetland suggested adding the Commemorative Air Force Museum and Seabee Museum as future excursions.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners requested setting 2025 goals be on the January agenda.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:12 a.m., Commissioner Postel moved to adjourn and Commissioner Gloria Massey China seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson