

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
5/13/25

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 10:00 a.m. a regular meeting was convened at the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 North C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Commissioners present: Linda Calderon, Gloria Massey-Chinea, LaRita Montgomery, Gloria Postel, and Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: None

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

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Commissioner Montgomery arrived at 10:09 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of prior meeting minutes.

ACTION: Commissioner Calderon moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Postel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Abel Velasquez and Abel Velasquez Jr. spoke on offering car shows for seniors within the Ventura County area.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation by Christine Calderon Caruso with Cyber Seniors on the technology program being offered at Wilson and South Oxnard centers.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Service Commission receive and file the presentation.

DISCUSSION: Christine Calderon Caruso gave background on the Cyber Seniors program and discussed the services being offered at two of Oxnard's senior centers.

2. SUBJECT: Report by Chair Sweetland 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 provided an update on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, including its new location, election of new officers, and the opening of nominations for the annual Legacy Award.

Commissioner Gloria Massey-Chinea arrived at 10:57.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Technology Education Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report on the progress of the Cyber Seniors program. Members: Commissioners Gloria Massey Chinae and Gloria Postel.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Postel provided updates on Cyber Seniors sessions. Commissioner Massey-Chinea reviewed comments she had collected from participants.
ACTION: Report was received.
2. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Center Signage and Accessibility Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report on a potential location of signage for Senior Services facilities at the South Oxnard Center. Members: Commissioners Linda Calderon and Gloria Postel.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Postel provided a report on observations and recommendations for Center Signage and accessibility related goals at the South Oxnard Center.
ACTION: Report was received.
3. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Creation of Senior Housing List Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss standardized questions for gathering information on housing in Oxnard. Members: Commissioner Gloria Postel and Chair Alice Sweetland.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Postel noted no updates at this time.
ACTION: None taken.
4. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Monthly Health Presentation Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive a report on monthly health presentation speakers and the evaluation form selected. Members: Commissioners Linda Calderon and LaRita Montgomery.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Montgomery spoke to the desire for more engagement with community-based partners related to health topic presentations.
ACTION: Report was received.
5. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Developing an Annual Report
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission review the presentation made to the City Council. Members: Commissioner Gloria Massey

China and Chair Alice Sweetland.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed their presentation to the City Council and ways it might be improved in the future.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events for March and April.

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

Jorge Cruz reported that in April, 2,110 home-delivered meals and 2,048 congregate meals were served. He reviewed past month events, including senior participation in the Art Gala, and highlighted several upcoming Senior Services events, including recognition of Mother's Day at each center and the SOC Block Party.

Robert Dennis provided updates on RSVP programs. He highlighted a Bone Builders training in May and upcoming program inservices. He told Commissioners about the Golden Futures Expo, to be held in June.

Marisue Eastlake announced pickleball was being offered some weekday mornings for seniors through June at the Colonia Gym. She shared information about an upcoming conference call detailing the state's budget and reminded Commissioners about the Brown Act training coming soon.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Massey-China requested a presentation on near death experiences.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:11 p.m., Commissioner Montgomery moved to adjourn and Commissioner Calderon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson