

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
9/9/25

1. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 10:04 a.m. a regular meeting was convened at the Colonia Gym, 195 N. Marquita 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 and Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor.

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. SUBJECT: Minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

ACTION: Commissioner Massey-Chinea moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 meeting and Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Postel abstaining due to absence.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theresa Clemen shared she had advocated for children and seniors for many years. She complimented the changes at the South Oxnard Center and shared some concerns.

4. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Presentation by Monica White, President and CEO, Food Share, on food assistance available for Oxnard seniors

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

DISCUSSION: Monica White shared information about food assistance options for seniors in Oxnard, including Senior Kits, which is funded through USDA and open to people age 60 and older who live under the county poverty level.

- b. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioners Sweetland and Massey-Chinea on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAAA) Advisory Committee business.

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

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Massey-Chinea attended her first advisory committee meeting. The new Human Services Agency director attended the meeting.

5. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Technology Education Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss next steps on this goal. Members: Commissioners Gloria Massey-Chinea and Gloria Postel.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed how beneficial the Cyber Seniors program has been.
ACTION: Report was received.
- b. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Center Signage and Accessibility Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss any update on signage. Members: Commissioners Linda Calderon and Gloria Postel.
DISCUSSION: Marisue Eastlake shared cost estimates for signs at Wilson Park and will seek two additional bids.
ACTION: Report was received.
- c. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Creation of Senior Housing List Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission review information received to date on senior housing in Oxnard. Members: Commissioner Gloria Postel and Chair Alice Sweetland.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Sweetland provided some background on how to qualify for different housing services and reviewed several housing opportunities available.
ACTION: Report was received.
- d. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Monthly Health Presentation Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive a report on the evaluation form selected. Members: Commissioners Linda Calderon and LaRita Montgomery.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Calderon shared a set of questions for an evaluation. She will work with staff to develop the evaluation.
ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events for August and September.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

Marisue Eastlake shared an update on senior center activities in August and September, including new evening programming and that staff took 17 seniors

to the county fair in August. In Senior Nutrition, there were 1,834 congregate meals in July and 2,001 in August while the Home Delivered Meal program delivered 1,960 meals in July and 1,595 in August.

RSVP trained 14 new TCMBB instructors in August, the program's biggest class to date. Eastlake reviewed the process to become a certified instructor. She shared an offer had been made to fill the RSVP position and we are waiting for a response. Flooring at Wilson Center is going out to bid again.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Calderon questioned if permanent residents are eligible for subsidized housing or if it's only citizens who can be housed.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners will begin discussions of 2026 goals. They would like to arrange a tour of Food Share facilities

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 p.m., Commissioner Postel moved to adjourn and Commissioner Montgomery seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson