

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
11/18/25

1. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 10:01 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Commissioners present: Gloria Massey-Chinea, LaRita Montgomery, Gloria Postel.

Commissioners absent: Linda Calderon, Alice Sweetland.

Staff members present: Pam Morrison, Recreation Manager and Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor.

Vice Chair Montgomery presided and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. SUBJECT: Minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

ACTION: Commissioner Massey Chinea moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting and Commissioner Postel seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marisue Eastlake introduced the new RSVP Coordinator, Jessica Serrano, who started her new position in late October.

4. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Recognition of Mayra Ceja as recipient of the Latina Leadership Legacy Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission recognize Mayra Ceja for being chosen to receive this prestigious award.

DISCUSSION: Commissioners congratulated Ceja for the recognition.

- b. SUBJECT: Presentation by Oxnard Cultural and Recreation Services Specialist Desire Ventura on new senior center programming, including cooking classes.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the presentation focused on new senior center programming being offered by Desire Ventura.

DISCUSSION: Ventura shared she is rotating among the senior centers, teaching cooking classes, leading games and helping with couponing to help lower costs. She shared some of the recipes she has done with the seniors.

- c. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioners Sweetland and Massey-China on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) Advisory Committee business.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Massey China reviewed recipients of the VCAAA Legacy Awards and shared the news that the county is turning Area Agency on Aging operations over to the state on June 30, 2026.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. SUBJECT: Cancellation of December regular meeting
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss and approve canceling their December 9, 2025 meeting.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Postel moved and Commissioner Massey China seconded canceling the December 9, 2025 meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.
- b. SUBJECT: 2026 Senior Services Commission Meeting Calendar
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners review and approve the 2026 Commission meeting calendar.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the 2026 calendar, asking for the March 10 meeting to be moved to the Colonia Gym and the July 14 meeting be held at SOC. Commissioner Massey China moved and Commissioner Postel seconded approval of the calendar as changed. Motion carried, 3-0.
- c. SUBJECT: 2026 Goals
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners review progress on their 2025 goals and discuss potential new goals for 2026.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed progress on the five 2025 goals and possible future goals, including a campaign focused on street safety for motorized wheelchairs, expanding the housing list to include assisted living facilities, extending the housing opportunities effort to include information on aging well in community, focusing on accessibility issues at SOC and forming a committee to introduce and collect evaluations of monthly health presentations. Discussion will continue in January.
- d. SUBJECT: Food Share tour
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission consider setting a special meeting to tour Food Share facilities in Oxnard.
DISCUSSION: This item was tabled until the January meeting.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events for September, October, and November.

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

Marisue Eastlake shared Cecilia Escamilla was hired as the new Wilson Senior Center director, reviewed the role of the Abuelitas at the Tamale Festival, asked if any Commissioners besides Commissioners Sweetland and Massey Chinae wanted to be in the Oxnard Christmas Parade and shared work had started on the BeSAFE program. Eastlake left the meeting.

Pam Morrison reviewed center activities in September and October. Congregate meals served: 2,123 in September; 2,336 in October, and Home Delivered meals were 1,710 in September and 1,695 in October. She reviewed upcoming special events and a new Tai Chi for Arthritis evening class at SOC.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Postel inquired about the timeline for the monthly calendar and asked to have events cleaned out of Facebook. Commissioner Massey Chinae noted the need for computers at SOC.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:31 p.m., Commissioner Massey Chinae moved to adjourn and Commissioner Postel seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson