

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
5/12//2026

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 10:04 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

Commissioners present: Magdalena (Maggie) Tapia, Gloria Massey-Chinea, Alice Sweetland, Gloria Postel, and Lupe Reyes.

Commissioners absent: LaRita Montgomery, Linda Calderon

Staff members present: Pam Morrison, Recreation Manager and Sandra Diaz, Recording Secretary

Chair Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. SUBJECT: Minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2026.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve
ACTION: Commissioner Chinea moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Reyes seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. SUBJECT: Recognition of Dan and Barbara Pinedo for their work as community servants benefiting seniors in Oxnard.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jon Pearson - Writer, creative learning process drawing to help them read, write and remember, he has taught creative writing, writes whimsical cards. Abracadabra writing process, creating what you say as you say it. Developed drawing techniques.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioners Sweetland and Massey-Chinea on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) Advisory Committee business.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Gloria gave an update; presented are in the process of finding out the issues with Ventura County agencies of aging. Waiting to have a full report from the advisory board. Trying to understand how other counties have transitioned. How can we improve in Ventura county by benchmarking other agencies in the County for implementation in our community. VCAAA takes care of our biggest senior nutrition program with anticipation of big cuts. Chair

Sweetland was in a coalition meeting to determine a 5-year strategic plan for change and improvement. New officers will be elected next month.
Transportation, housing, and nutrition are 3 month important things for seniors.
1.2 million into administrative costs for the next year.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. SUBJECT: Ad-hoc Committee Assignments
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners assign newly appointed Commissioners to sit on Senior Services Commission Goal Ad-Hoc Committees.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners voted to approve the following goals, with Commissioner Postel moving approval and Commissioner Massey China seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Lupe Reyes wants to be a part of the following goal,
Educational campaign on scooter and pedestrian safety with Commissioners Postel and Calderon. January 2027

Commissioner Maggie Tapia wants to be a part of the following goal,
Housing List with Commissioners Massey China and Sweetland. January 2027

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Goal Research and Develop an Education Campaign on Mobility Scooters and Pedestrian Safety.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners update the progress on the goal.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Maggie Tapia is interested in composing the list of available senior housing and creating. Commissioner Lupe Reyes would like to be a part of the accessibility and mobility. Commissioner Postel moved approval, and Commissioner Calderon seconded. Passed 5-0.

Commissioner Postel reported on researched and developed an educational campaign Linda Calderon, Lupe Reyes and Gloria Postel, strategized with Police Department, project guidelines the guide has suggested 4 goals: reduce , promote safe scooter, improve visibility in downtown areas. Know the laws and practice them, meet again with the police department. Ask PD to present at the end of summer barbecue.

- A. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Goal to continue to review and make recommendations to improve visibility of South Oxnard Senior Center and Colonia Senior Center.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners update the progress on the goal.
DISCUSSION: This item is being tabled until next month's meeting.

SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Goal Research and Create a list of Assisted Living Housing, and Create a Senior Housing Brochure.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners update the progress on the goal.

Commissioner Massey- China tool already prepared just needs to be implemented and wants to send out a survey to put together this research and study. Can the Senior commission implement the use of monkey surveys?
30 licensed care facilities in our area.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

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

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

Pam Morrison updated Commissioners on congregate meals served.

Palm Vista has a Spanish book club. On May 8, Palm Vista had spa day event activities at the four centers in January, as well as upcoming events.

Wilson Center has karaoke on May 22nd next karaoke night.

Senior picnic at College Park on April 23, 2026.

Senior in motion on April 17, downtown Disney, Tai Chi at Rio Lindo Park, Mondays and Wednesdays,

Upcoming botanical garden reached full capacity, 2026 Senior Expo is on June 9th at the Ventura County fairgrounds.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Alice Sweetland- Suggestion To Commissioners invite your council person to lunch to talk about Senior nutrition and socialization.

City Manager approached Chair Sweetland to meet about a Senior Center.

Commissioner Gloria Postel-Inquired about the progress of a tech class concern about whether it's going to continue.

Commissioner-Lupe Reyes talked to Monique Limon at the Senior Expo, attended World Health Day at Oxnard College by Cultural and Community Services, safety scooter rodeo.

Commissioner Massey-China- Encouraged to present brochures with real examples and written simply. Impressed by speaker Jon Pearson, suggested to invite him for a 20 minute presentation. Would like to see a bilingual service for loss and grieving.

Tai Chi at Sierra Park, Men's group meets daily at Sierra Park. Councilman Starr was not available to meet for lunch ideas to invite to another program such as Tai Chi.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Suggestion for a speaker

Senior Center

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:26 a.m., Chair Sweetland moved to adjourn.



Pam Morrison, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson