

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 12, 2013

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:03 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: K. Brainard, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa, A. Madrid, N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: None

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
F. Garcia, Wilson Center Director
R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sweetland moved approval of October 8, 2013 minutes with the correction of Wilson Rose Society meeting times, which are scheduled for every other Wednesday. Commissioner Brainard seconded. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Commissioner Sweetland introduced Fumio Sasaki and thanked him for his donation of vegetables, which were planted in both the Wilson Senior Garden and the Durley Park Preschool's garden.

E. PRESENTATION

No presentation was scheduled.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes reported he had made presentations regarding the Wilson Park restroom before the Oxnard Parks and Recreation Commission and the Wilson Neighborhood Council. He'll return to the neighborhood council in February 2014 to continue the discussion.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rowe presented the 2014 meeting calendar and noted all Commission meetings will be held in an Oxnard Public Library meeting room. No meetings are planned at the three senior centers this year.

Barnes noted Diego Zuniga is spearheading division efforts to increase access to and ability to use technology among seniors. Future plans include technology fairs in which seniors learn how to use their various electronic devices and enhancement of senior center computer classes. Commissioners Sweetland, Fischer and Brainard comprise a new subcommittee to assist Zuniga.

Zuniga reported 15 senior stories had been recorded through the new “My Story” program. Marisue Eastlake reported the rollout of new RSVP t-shirts during the Tamale Festival where RSVP had several volunteers helping. Chair Rowe reported on the appreciation barbecue for City Corps.

Fernando Garcia reviewed recent senior center events and previewed upcoming happenings. He also discussed a recent center swap during which the three directors worked at each other’s centers for a day. Commissioners discussed attracting more seniors to the centers.

Commissioners discussed their annual report to the City Council and perhaps holding a special meeting in December to prepare for it.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

The Rose Garden Subcommittee, composed of Commissioners Sweetland, Esparza and Rowe, reported they were looking at long-term garden maintenance and mapping out the garden.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Commissioner Kobashigawa. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.