

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2013

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:02 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: P. Davis, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa,
N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, D. Thibeault, L. Villareal
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Commissioners absent: D. Ford

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thibeault moved, Commissioner Fischer seconded to approve minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nash suggested the Commission send a representative to City Council meetings as the work done at the commission level doesn't always reach council members.

Juliette Dang, City of Oxnard grants coordinator, informed commissioners the City is developing a five-year plan for grant funding and is conducting a series of needs assessment meetings, including on March 19 and May 17. She distributed a survey which is due February 22. Affordable housing and homelessness are among the focus areas of the needs assessment.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Chair Rowe and Vice Chair Esparza recognized the Wilson Senior Center seniors who participated in the center's 2012 Christmas Parade float.

Volunteer Ernie Hosaki was recognized for her volunteer service at the Wilson Senior Center.

Representatives from Gill's Onions could not attend the meeting.

E. PRESENTATION

Joe Garces, public education specialist with the Fire Department, discussed the process for distributing the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors the City received through a grant. They are available free to Oxnard residents, age 65 and older.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes said he has defibrillators for the senior centers and is currently working to meet county regulations before installing them. Commissioners expressed interest in offering monthly CPR or 'Hands Only' CPR trainings for seniors at the centers. Chair Rowe and Commissioner Sweetland thanked Commissioner Kobashigawa for her dedication to gaining City approval to install the defibrillators.

Barnes announced the Senior Services van was still being worked on and updated Commissioners on the installation of public computers in each of the centers. Each will have a total of five computers. They have been installed at the South Oxnard Center and Colonia will have them soon. There was a problem with the wiring at Wilson Senior Center, but it is being corrected. Barnes said he was looking into special keyboards for the sight impaired. Commissioners expressed interest in adding WiFi capability at each center.

Response to the Senior Center Survey has been good, with about 1,600 surveys returned.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis discussed involving commissioners and seniors in helping the downtown thrive. He proposed shutting A Street between Fifth and Seventh streets for all events. Commissioners discussed the possibility of RSVP starting a senior downtown ambassador program to aid visitors in discovering what the downtown offers. Chair Rowe suggested forming a subcommittee to further discuss the ideas.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

The Goals Subcommittee shared that most of the 2012 goals had been achieved, with the exception of installing new pool tables and building a state-of-the-art senior center. Commissioners were asked to bring ideas for new goals to the next meeting.

The Rose Garden Subcommittee met with a rose society member to gather input on garden maintenance and use. Barnes announced he was working with the Parks Department on a new approach to this.

The Bylaws Subcommittee met but had no actions to recommend until further review.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Esparza suggested pictures of the Commissioners and the annual goals be posted at each center so seniors are informed about the Commission's role and can recognize Commissioners should they have some input.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thibeault, and seconded by Commissioner Fischer.
Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.