

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 10, 2014

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:07 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: D. Thibeault

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
R. Collins, Program Coordinator
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney
D. Ventura, SOC Director
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Sweetland moved approval of the May 13, 2014 minutes, with the following changes: she did not hand out audio discs to commissioners and Commissioner Esparza and Chair Rowe were not present to vote on adjournment. Commissioner Brainard seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Rowe, Sweetland, and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Thibeault. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Marisue Eastlake introduced Brandy McCauley, administrator at The Palms At Bonaventure, and thanked her for the support Senior Services has received from them, including meals for RSVP Bone Builders trainings and cookies for RSVP's Night at the Symphony appreciation and the opening of the Wilson Rose Garden.

SCAN representatives could not attend the meeting. Recognition of their support was tabled for a future meeting.

E. PRESENTATION

Brian Murphy, with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, discussed the agency's Elder Help Program and the impact of other services or funding provided by the county in Oxnard.

Tammy Glenn, executive director at CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, spoke about her organization, which matches volunteers with a senior in need. They currently serve 100 Oxnard seniors and recently started an in-home falls prevention program.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

The Commission jumped forward on their agenda to hear a report from Rob Collins on the Wilson Rose Garden. Collins said his recent focus had been on understanding the area's watering system and cleaning the garden. He thanked ARC for help with maintenance.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes informed commissioners the CDBG grant proposal had not been funded.

Commissioner Madrid said a dance had been scheduled for the end of August at the Wilson Senior Center. She asked for Commission help in getting door prizes donated.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners agreed to form a Senior Center Subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Brainard, Esparza, Thibeault and Yu. The goal of the subcommittee is to consider next steps toward construction of a new senior center.

Commissioner Madrid asked if other commissioners were interested in participating in the 2014 Oxnard Christmas Parade. Discussion centered on riding in the Senior Services van.

Commissioners discussed a variety of ways to recognize Oxnard residents when they turn 100 years old. Staff will develop a draft certificate for consideration at the next meeting.

Desire Ventura reviewed happenings within the three senior centers. Eastlake provided an update on changes in RSVP Bone Builders, including moved classes and new openings, and RSVP's involvement in the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp. Zuniga gave a recap of the Senior Legends Games and a successful Wii Bowling Tournament, both held in May.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe distributed postcards from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging with contact numbers for their services.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

There were no requests.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kobashigawa and seconded by Commissioner Esparza. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Rowe, Sweetland, and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Thibeault. ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.