CITY OF
OXNARD
CALIFORNIA

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2014

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:04 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:	K. Brainard, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa, A. Madrid (Arrived 9:12am), N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, D. Thibeault, L. Villareal Yu
Commissioners absent:	None
Staff Present:	G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor D. Estrada, Oxnard Senior Nutrition Coordinator F. Garcia, Wilson Senior Center Director A. Gonzales, Recreation Leader R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney M. Vasquez, Administrative Technician D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Commissioner Esparza moved approval of February 11, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Fischer seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Rowe, Sweetland and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid. ABSTAIN: Thibeault.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR
Fernando Garcia introduced Connie Ontiveros, who recently retired from working with the Oxnard Senior Nutrition Program, for her years of service. Garcia and Debbie Estrada spoke of their positive experience working with Ontiveros and thanked her. Commissioners added their thanks and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

E. PRESENTATION
Susan Haverland and Dana Black, of FOOD Share, gave a presentation on behalf of the regional food bank, and in particular the Senior Share Program. Oxnard seniors make up about 42% of participants. Due to funding constraints there is a substantial wait list, with the average wait time being about 10 months.

F. OLD BUSINESS
Chair Rowe asked to postpone discussion on changing the bylaws to the next meeting. Greg Barnes updated Commissioners on the CDBG grant.

G. NEW BUSINESS
Barnes gave an update on the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon slated for March 24, and reminded Commissioners to call the office to make a reservation. Diego Zuniga provided an update on senior programs, planned Senior Legends games, and an upcoming Wii bowling tournament. There was a brief discussion on the My Story program, including potential equipment needs, and Commissioners provided some suggestions regarding the new format of the Senior Services programs calendar.

Garcia gave a report on programs at the three centers, including the success of the Living and Managing Chronic Pain Program at SOC. He invited Commissioners to attend an upcoming pancake breakfast fundraiser. The recently start book clubs and all three senior centers have been well accepted by participants.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS
There was no report from either the Rose Garden or Ventura County Area Agency on Aging subcommittees.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS
Commission Thibeault suggested: hosting monthly seminars on various subjects relevant to seniors; hiring a Senior Advocate who would serve as a general reference on all senior matters; looking into Senior Services becoming its own department with a dedicated budget; and televising the Senior Services Commission meetings.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.