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**CITY OF OXNARD
SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Oxnard Public Library, 251 S. A Street
Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: K. Brainard, A. Clemens, K. Lanker, A. Madrid, J. Nevitt, C. Owens, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners Absent: D. Jackson

Staff Present: M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
D. Marquez, Recreation Coordinator
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Supervisor

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lanker moved and Commissioner Owens seconded approval of the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes with changes.

AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Lanker, Madrid, Nevitt, Owens, Sweetland, Yu.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: Jackson.

ABSTAIN:

E. PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Presentation by Elderpride – Shop Ahoy on grocery shopping services available to seniors.

Tony Miller, president of the Elderpride board, spoke about the services provided by Shop Ahoy to Oxnard seniors. He said about 25% of the seniors they serve live in Oxnard.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Renee Rakestraw introduced Deanna Marquez, recently hired to oversee the senior centers and nutrition program. The City Council approved an agreement for project management services associated with the new senior center effort. The Senior Services grant recommendations will be presented to the City Council on November 28.

G. OLD BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission Grant Application

Commissioner Clemens recused himself from voting on the grant distribution, but later reversed that declaration to vote solely on funding for Grey Law. After discussion, the majority of commissioners voted to recommend the following grant funding:

Agency	2018 Recommendation
ACTION	\$2,500
CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly	\$5,000
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Inc.	\$5,000
Elderpride	\$4,500
FOOD Share	\$2,200
Grey Law of Ventura County, Inc.	\$4,000
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Assoc.	\$6,500
Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.	\$5,750
Oxnard Dance Club	\$0
St. John's- Senior Wellness Program	\$4,150
Ventura County Area Agency on Aging	\$5,000
	\$44,600

After the vote, commissioners discussed potential methods of introducing grant recipients to each other, encouraging networking among them and providing an orientation to new grant reporting requirements introduced this year.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission 2018 Calendar

Commissioner Madrid requested meeting once annually in each of the senior centers. Commissioner Clemens suggested inviting seniors who regularly attend the centers to come to the meeting when it is held there. Commissioner Lanker requested inviting the staff at centers not visited to a commission meeting. Commissioner Clemens moved and Commissioner Lanker seconded approving a meeting schedule in which the commission meets at 9 a.m. every second Tuesday of the month at the Oxnard Public Library with the following exceptions: the commission is dark in August and December; April 10 will meet at Wilson Senior Center; and June 12 meeting will be held at SOC. There is no adequate meeting spot at the Palm Vista Senior Center.

2. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events

Marisue Eastlake shared that both RSVP Bone Builders and Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance trainings were held last month, with new volunteers being trained at each. She discussed the potential of using one Wilson Park tennis court for pickleball. Both the federal government and the City Council approved extending the RSVP grant year through June 30, 2018, putting it in line with the City's fiscal year. She discussed her work on the LGBT Aging Coalition of Ventura County and its efforts to bring awareness of the needs of aging LGBT community members to those providing senior services.

Marquez spoke about December events within Senior Services including preparation for and participation in the Oxnard holiday parade as well as the annual senior holiday party. Special events at the centers include intergenerational planning, emergency preparedness presentations, and increasing comfort and understanding around healthcare terminology.

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Ventura County Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Commissioner Sweetland, Commissioner Owens. VCAAA is considering a revision of its five-year strategic plan as well as the committee requirements for advisory council members.
2. New Senior Center - Commissioner Brainard, Commissioner Lanker, Commissioner Owens
Commissioner Brainard announced the City Council approved an agreement for project management services associated with the new senior center. The Committee needs about \$10,000 in seed money to cover costs of printing, insurance, a mail box and other costs. She requested Commissioners look out for potential grants. Commissioner Nevitt suggested they consider setting up a Go Fund Me campaign.
3. Awareness of Senior Population - Commissioner Clemens, Commissioner Nevitt, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Sweetland
Meetings have been on hold while the Pepperdine Service Leadership team came on board. The subcommittee will meet to review mid-term progress report and was invited to attend the group's final presentation on December 8.
4. New and Ongoing Senior Programs Including the Reopening of Colonia Senior Center – Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Madrid, Commissioner Sweetland, Commissioner Yu
Nothing to report.

J. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Brainard requested a presentation on the LGBT Aging Coalition of Ventura County. Commissioner Clemens requested an update on the orientation of grant recipients.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Clemens seconded adjournment at 11:08 a.m.

AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Lanker, Madrid, Nevitt, Owens, Sweetland, Yu.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: Jackson.

ABSTAIN: none.

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