

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
October 11, 2016

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: K. Brainard, A. Clemens, R. Fischer, K. Lanker, A. Madrid, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners Absent: C. Owens

Staff Present: M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Interim Recreation Supervisor

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lanker moved and Commissioner Madrid seconded approval of the September 13, 2016 meeting minutes. AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Owens. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Huber, with Oxnard Ambassadors, invited commissioners to attend a free military band performance on November 11 and shared he is running for City Council.

Councilmember Bert Perello invited commissioners to a city council candidate forum organized by the InterNeighborhood Council and scheduled later in the week.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Marisue Eastlake introduced Ruth Tidwell and Mark Bradford and spoke about the free ballroom dancing class they teach at Wilson Senior Center. Betty Murth and Jim Horton, two seniors who take the ballroom class, were also introduced and recognized for winning several dancing awards at the Ventura County Fair. Each received a certificate honoring their achievements.

E. PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Madrid made a presentation on services provided by ACTION.
Commissioner Yu spoke about Dignity Health St. John's Hospital services.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Renee Rakestraw gave an update on work done at Wilson Park, saying City Corps is helping to finalize work in the park's senior garden. She also shared the Wilson Senior Center kitchen update should start within the month.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Eleven requests totaling more than \$80,000 were received for Senior Services grants, for which \$44,600 is available. Commissioners reviewed criteria for selecting grant recipients. They will discuss and vote on specific funding requests at the November meeting.

Rakestraw reviewed the new Senior Services website, seniors.oxnardrec.org. She reminded commissioners the annual senior holiday celebration is planned for December 9 and the City's annual holiday parade will be December 3.

Eastlake shared the first training for the new Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance instructors was held the past weekend. Nine volunteers were trained. The last two testing dates for CSUN study regarding RSVP Bone Builders impact on participant balance are coming up soon.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Sweetland shared her conversation with the City Manager about senior service needs and accomplishments. Vice Chair Brainard has requested to step down from her position on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council so she can focus on efforts to build a new senior center. She and Chair Sweetland shared some of the duties involved and asked commissioners to consider their interest and availability.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were requested.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Clemens seconded adjournment at 10:53 a.m. AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Owens. ABSTAIN: none.