

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2014

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:09 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: K. Brainard, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa, A. Madrid, N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, D. Thibeault, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: None

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Ceremonial Calendar and Presentation were switched as the individuals being recognized had not yet arrived at the Commission meeting.

E. PRESENTATION

Tony Miller, Shop Ahoy president, provided an overview of the nonprofit's operations and impact in Oxnard.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Sr. Nutrition Coordinator Debbie Estrada introduced volunteer Janna Figueroa, who Commissioners recognized for teaching jewelry making classes at the South Oxnard and Wilson centers. Recognition of Encarnacion Galler and her late husband, Vedasto, was continued.

E. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Madrid reported on her visit to Catholic Charities' OASIS program.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Rowe opened a discussion on expanding the scope of the Commission to match that of the City department, i.e., to include special populations and not just seniors. Assistant City Attorney Tilford noted the Commission was established by a city ordinance, which would need to be amended by the City Council in order to make the change. The Commission's bylaws would also need to be changed. A subcommittee of Chair Rowe, and Commissioners Yu, Brainard and Esparza was formed to investigate further.

Greg Barnes noted the next CDBG hearing was slated for May 6 at the City Council meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake reviewed the RSVP luncheon, which was attended by 225 people.

Commissioner Thibeault asked that the senior centers present monthly seminars on topics pertinent to seniors. Other Commissioners discussed not duplicating presentations already being done by other community groups or nonprofits. Barnes will bring a calendar of monthly topics to the next Commission meeting.

Diego Zuniga distributed a schedule of Senior Legends Games, being held in honor of Older American Month.

No Senior Center Director report was provided. Eastlake distributed a chart showing results of the 2014 RSVP Bone Builders annual participant survey.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Rose Garden Committee members are meeting with Senior Services staff in the coming week to review garden needs.

Chair Rowe reported the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging had completed its Strategic Plan update.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Sweetland requested an update on the Wilson Park restrooms.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.