



## SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

### Minutes

November 10, 2015

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### **A. ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor  
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes were not available.

#### **C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

None.

#### **E. PRESENTATION**

None.

#### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Sweetland reviewed the short- and long-term goals approved by commissioners. Short-term: Identify, promote and meet the needs of our senior population to help seniors stay healthy and active; expand technology training at the three senior centers with virtual senior center in mind and create awareness of senior population and their needs to the public, government officials and community groups.

Long-term goals include: Establish a foundation to raise construction funds for a new state of the art senior center and to support new and ongoing programs and existing senior centers; demolished existing Wilson Park restrooms and reconstruct in a different

location of the park; reopen Colonia Senior Center; and create annual report on community services and senior needs.

Vice Chair Brainard reported she represented the commission at a meeting with the City Council and senior City staff. The Mayor asked for short-, medium- and long-term goals, which the Vice Chair provided using the commission's discussed goals as follows: Short-term is to expand technology training at the three senior centers with a virtual senior center in mind; medium-term goal provided was to demolish the existing Wilson Park restrooms and reconstruct same in a different location within the park and the long-term goal is construction of a new senior center.

Commissioner Madrid arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the grant applications received. There is a total of \$44,600 available for the senior grants. Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Owens seconded distribution of the funds as follows:

\$2,500 ACTION  
\$2,500 FOOD Share  
\$3,000 Grey Law of Ventura County, Inc.  
\$4,000 Camarillo Hospice Corporation  
\$6,500 CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly  
\$6,000 Catholic Charities Oasis  
\$4,000 Elderpride, SHOP AHOY  
\$5,000 St. John's Regional Medical Center, Community Health Education Department  
\$4,600 Livingston CareGivers  
\$6,500 Long Term Care Services of Ventura County, Inc.

Motion passed. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

Greg Barnes discussed commissioners' participation in the annual Christmas Parade and invited them to attend the Thanksgiving parties held at the senior centers. Marisue Eastlake told commissioners about a planned veterans pinning ceremony, designed to thank RSVP volunteers who served their country once in the military and now as a volunteer. She reminded them about the upcoming Senior Summit organized by County Supervisor Linda Parks.

## **H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Chair Sweetland spoke about new Senior Nutrition Program placements distributed by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and provided a sample for review.

## **I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Owens seconded adjournment. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.