

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 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, N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: A. Madrid

Staff Present: R. Collins, Program Director
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney
C. Valencia, Colonia Senior Center Director

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kobashigawa moved approval of January 14, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Brainard seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Kobashigawa, Rowe and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Fischer, Madrid, Sweetland. ABSTAIN: none.

Commissioner Sweetland arrived at 9:08 a.m.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Center Director Claudia Valencia introduced Hortencia Castillo and spoke about her volunteer service at the Colonia Senior Center. Marisue Eastlake introduced Margie Compton and Suzie Niaccaris, who were in the first RSVP Bone Builders instructors training class, held in January 2007, and have been teaching continuously since then.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners skipped to the Senior Center Director's report, given by C. Valencia, so she could return to the Colonia Senior Center. Valencia spoke about the creation of book clubs in each center and reviewed new programs and upcoming events at each center.

Commissioner Fischer arrived at 9:19 a.m.

Commissioners returned to the order of business.

E. PRESENTATION

Rob Collins, program director, gave a presentation on the activities of the Special Populations Program, including Fun Club and Challenger program activities.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed the 2014 presentation schedule. Eastlake reported on the CDBG grant application process and related dates, including attending the March 18 public hearing before the City Council.

G. NEW BUSINESS continued

Commissioner Sweetland nominated Commissioner Rowe for position of Chair; Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Rowe, Sweetland and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid. ABSTAIN: none.

Commissioner Esparza nominated Commissioner Brainard and Commissioner Fischer nominated Commissioner Sweetland for Vice Chair. After discussion, there was no second for Commissioner Brainard's nomination. Commissioner Brainard then seconded the nomination of Commissioner Sweetland. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Rowe, Sweetland and Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid. ABSTAIN: none.

Eastlake gave a brief update on Senior Services happenings, including a tentative schedule for the Senior Legends Games in May and the planned temporary, but lengthy closure of the Colonia Senior Center due to rebuilding by the Housing Department, which manages the facility. Senior Services staff is investigating a possible relocation to 801 C Street on a temporary basis until the new Housing facility is built, potentially by summer 2015. Commissioners had concerns about moving senior participants too far from the Colonia neighborhood.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

The Rose Garden Subcommittee has completed a survey of the sprinklers and plans to set up a meeting with Parks Department staff. There was nothing to report from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging as it was dark last month.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioners expressed interest in discussing ways to increase outreach to attract more participants, and in particular using the new calendar of activities in this way.

Commissioner Sweetland spoke about the LIFE class held at the Wilson Senior Center and her hope the class would be offered again.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.