

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

March 10, 2015

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:04a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
J. Gurrola, RSVP/Bone Builders
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator

The Commission observed a moment of silence to honor recently deceased Special Populations Coordinator Robert Collins.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Two corrections to the February 10 minutes were made: a space was missing in Section D and in Section H, Vice Chair Brainard said she would be available to attend Neighborhood Council meetings, not that she would attend all of those meetings. With these corrections, Vice Chair Brainard moved approval of the February 10, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Fischer seconded. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Marisue Eastlake introduced Jennifer Gurrola, the new RSVP / RSVP Bone Builders coordinator. Chair Sweetland recognized outgoing Commissioners Ady Esparza and Nancy Kobashigawa for their dedication and support to the Senior Services Commission. Each was given a token of appreciation.

E. PRESENTATION

Lisa Nagy, program manager with Catholic Charities, made a presentation on their OASIS program. Commissioner Yu gave an overview of FOOD Share programs and Commissioner Fischer distributed printed material on FOOD Share.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes told commissioners there were no new developments regarding work on the Wilson Park restroom or the Wilson Senior Center kitchen. Barnes also reviewed the CDBG grant submitted by Senior Services and Special Populations. He told commissioners staff had made a presentation to a review panel regarding the grant, and the panel was to make recommendations to the City Council for final grant funding. Commissioners discussed individually contacting council members to indicate their support of the application.

Commissioner Fischer left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Renee Rakestraw provided an update on activities at the Palm Vista Senior Center. Barnes shared the process to appoint representatives to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, for which two slots are available. The Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council, which will in turn make the appointments. No action was taken.

Rakestraw and Eastlake updated commissioners on programs, including inviting them to the May 4 opening and May 28 closing of the Senior Legend Games and a May 15 dance. Commissioners Lanker, Madrid and Yu volunteered to help with the dance. Eastlake discussed the start-up of the RSVP Bone Builders Buddies program and reminded commissioners of the March 17 RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

Commissioners agreed to postpone the tour of the South Oxnard Senior center until the end of the meeting.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed their annual report presented to the City Council. Vice Chair Brainard moved the commission form a subcommittee on the future needs of the Wilson Senior Center and Wilson Park with Commissioner Thibeault as chair and Commissioners Madrid and Owens as members. Commissioner Madrid seconded. AYES: Brainard, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Fischer. ABSTAIN: none.

Commissioner Madrid reported she had placed senior center calendars at the main Oxnard Public Library as an effort of the publicity subcommittee.

Barnes informed Commissioners the Mayor had called for a Citizen Advisory Group Workshop on 3/19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing was requested.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners took a tour of the South Oxnard Senior Center, then adjourned the meeting at 11:16a.m.