

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2014

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Billingsley, Deputy City Attorney
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
A. Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant
P. Morrison, Interim Senior Services Supervisor
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator
M. Vasquez, Administrative Technician
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fischer moved approval of July 8, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved to change "Luau" to "End of Summer Barbecue." Commissioner Fischer moved to adopt as changed. Commissioner Esparza seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none
ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Chair Sweetland introduced herself as the new Senior Services Commission Chair, resulting from the retirement of Chair Nancy Rowe. Interim Senior Services Supervisor Pam Morrison and Recreation Coordinator Renee Rakestraw also introduced themselves.

E. PRESENTATION

Commissioner Esparza gave a presentation on Grey Law, reporting approximately 40% of their clients are Oxnard residents.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Diego Zuniga presented Commissioners with a draft certificate to be given to residents in honor of their 100th birthday. Commissioner Sweetland suggested some possible recipients once the document is finalized.

The update on the Wilson Park restrooms was continued to a future meeting.

Commissioner Madrid suggested the Commission take part in the Oxnard Holiday Parade and ride in the Senior Services van. Zuniga suggested any participation by the Commission be combined with the usual senior entry in the parade.

Commissioner Sweetland gave an update on the trash issue in the Wilson Rose Garden. Commissioner Fischer recommended signage be placed in the garden prohibiting litter.

Zuniga gave an update on the My Story project. He is exploring the idea of making some testimonials available for public viewing.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake provided a brief explanation of the Senior Services grants and process for distribution, explaining \$44,600 is available and the Commission would receive grant applications the week following their September 12 due date for review before the next Commission meeting.

The Palm Vista picture tour was continued to a future meeting. Commissioner Sweetland inquired about the current status of programs at the center. Zuniga explained that programming is progressing smoothly.

Eastlake gave a recap on recent RSVP activities, including participation at the Dallas Cowboys Training Camp and the opening of a new RSVP Bone Builders class in south Oxnard. She also gave an update on the hiring process of a Bone Builders program coordinator.

Renee Rakestraw spoke on growth efforts within the Senior Services program. She also spoke on new and upcoming senior programs.

Zuniga gave an update on the End of Summer Barbecue and Senior Dance. Commissioner Thibeault suggested the dance be held monthly. Commissioner Brainard agreed the event should be reoccurring, but that it should start annually or bi-annually, and progress from there.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Esparza gave a tribute to Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Councilmember Darlene Benz who died recently. The Senior Center subcommittee had not met.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sweetland asked that the next Commission agenda include discussion on how the centenarian certificate will be presented. She also requested staff bring a defibrillator to the next meeting so Commissioners can learn more about them.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thibeault and seconded by Commissioner Fischer.

AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, and Yu.

NOS: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 A.M.