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**CITY OF OXNARD
SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**Oxnard Public Library, 251 S. A Street
Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: K. Brainard, A. Clemens, D. Jackson, K. Lanker, A. Madrid, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners Absent: J. Nevitt, C. Owens

Staff Present: M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Supervisor

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vanise Terry, from Supervisor Linda Parks' office, spoke about the Senior Summit planned for October 21, 2017. The theme is Seniors in the Digital Age.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jackson moved and Commissioner Brainard seconded approval of the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes.

AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Jackson, Lanker, Madrid, Sweetland, Yu.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: Nevitt, Owens.

ABSTAIN: none.

E. PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Presentation by FOOD Share on support services available to seniors.

Kristy Pollard and Susan Halverson, with FOOD Share, explained the new Senior Kits program which provides food to low-income seniors in the county.

SUBJECT: Presentation by Livingston Memorial on support services available to seniors.

Commissioner Lanker reported on services provided by Livingston Memorial.

F. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Renee Rakestraw noted the Commission picture would be taken at the next commission meeting and that the City is in the process of hiring a Senior Services Coordinator. In response to a request for clarification from commissioners, the City Attorney has requested all Commission business be done at the meeting and not through emails, even if they are sent through bcc.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events

Rakestraw announced the Housing Department has agreed that Senior Services will have space at the Colonia community center currently being developed. All commissioners should receive the monthly Cultural and Community Services e-newsletter. Repair Share is planned for November 15 at Wilson Senior Center. Rakestraw discussed the differences between the services provided by 2-1-1 and the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. The recent Rummage Sale raised \$450, which will be used to offset Senior Services program costs. The Holiday Party will be December 14. All but one of the Senior Garden plots have been taken. Attendance at the summer barbecue reached 120 people.

Marisue Eastlake reported a federal offer to extend the RSVP grant for three months, bringing it in line with the City's fiscal year, was going to the City Council this night. Over 20 RSVP volunteers helped at the 2017 Dallas Cowboys Summer Camp. RSVP will soon open a third Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance class.

2. SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission Grant Application

Grant availability was announced more broadly this year than in the past. Applications are due from nonprofits on September 15. Commissioners will be given applications to review prior to the October meeting, when they will discuss them with a vote on recommendations to the City Council coming at the November meeting.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Ventura County Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Commissioner Sweetland, Commissioner Owens. Chair Sweetland said there was nothing to report.

2. New Senior Center - Commissioner Brainard, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Lanker
Vice Chair Brainard announced the effort to build a new senior center, ORCAS (Oxnard Recreation Center for Adults and Seniors), is now registered with the state as an organization, opening the ability to apply for non-profit status at the federal level.

3. Awareness of Senior Population - Commissioner Clemens, Commissioner Nevitt, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Sweetland
Chair Sweetland announced she had made a presentation regarding senior services to the Commission on Community Relations.

4. Annual Report on Community Needs and Services – Commissioner Nevitt, Commissioner Sweetland
Vice Chair Brainard motioned and Commissioner Lanker seconded adding Commissioner Jackson to this subcommittee.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Yu asked to be placed on the subcommittee focused on reopening a Colonia Senior Center. Commissioner Madrid asked for a presentation on low-income senior housing from the city's Housing Department.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Madrid moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded adjournment at 10:41 a.m.

AYES: Brainard, Clemens, Jackson, Lanker, Madrid, Sweetland, Yu.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: Nevitt, Owens.

ABSTAIN: none.

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