

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes - CORRECTED
Regular Meeting
March 12, 2013

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

Commissioners absent: N. Kobashigawa

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Tilford, Assistant City Attorney

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Esparza moved, Commissioner Madrid seconded to approve minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Chair Rowe and Vice Chair Esparza presented certificates of appreciation to retiring RSVP Bone Builders Instructors Arline Brown and Jo Graham. They also recognized Dr. Donald Thibeault for his years of dedicated service on the Senior Services Commission.

E. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Fischer nominated Commissioner Rowe to continue as the Commission's Chairperson. Commissioner Sweetland seconded. With no further nominations, the motion was approved. Commissioner Fischer nominated Commissioner Esparza to continue as the Commission's Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Sweetland seconded. There were no further nominations; the motion was approved.

Discussion of Commission goals was tabled until Commissioners review results of the citywide senior survey.

Greg Barnes reported he had received three bids for repair of the pool tables at Wilson Senior Center. Once a bid is selected, the pool room will be closed for up to two days while the repairs are being made.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake told Commissioners the City had successfully applied for another three-year RSVP grant, which has new guidelines requiring some changes in the program. She asked Commissioners to begin documenting the hours they serve the community outside official Commission meetings and to report this time to RSVP. Commissioners were updated on the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon scheduled for March 19.

Chair Rowe asked Commissioners to select one commission grant recipient to visit and then report back to the Commission. The following assignments were chosen:

Comm. Fischer - FOOD Share

Comm. Villareal Yu – Livingston Caregiver Visiting Nurse Assoc. Hospice

Comm. Kobashigawa – Oxnard Senior Garden Club

Comm. Madrid – Shop Ahoy

Comm. Sweetland – St. John's Regional Medical Center & Community Health.

Education Department

Comm. Brainard – Ventura County Area Agency on Aging

Any grantees not visited by a Commissioner will be asked to make a presentation before the entire Commission.

Assignments to subcommittees and recommending a senior representative on the Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee were tabled to a future meeting.

Barnes reviewed early survey results and asked Commissioners to recommend sites for locating a new senior center. Dr. Thibeault provided some history on the item and suggested all Commissioners visit all sites under consideration before making a recommendation. Chair Rowe asked Commissioners to do this and return for discussion at the next meeting.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe announced availability of two Wilson Senior Garden bins. She also told the Commission that the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging had lifted its cap on senior nutrition meals, enabling the program to serve as many people as possible.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sweetland reported a need for new chairs in the Arts Building. Barnes talked about a new senior history project which will film seniors as they talk about their life.

Steve Nash, a member of the public and appointee to another City Council commission, suggested Commissioners discuss the specifics of doing background checks on all commission appointees.

Commissioners were reminded to be ready to have their picture taken at the April meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Fischer and seconded by Vice Chair Esparza.

Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.