

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2011

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:05 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present P. Davis, A. Esparza, N. Kobashigawa, N. Rowe, D. Thibeault and L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: R. Fischer

Staff present: Stephen Fischer, Assistant City Attorney
Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kobashigawa requested a change in the June 14, 2011 minutes under H. Future Agenda Items to indicate she wanted a discussion not a presentation on safety. There was a short general discussion on safety within the Recreation Department provided by Richard Arias and how to place items on future agendas provided by Assistant City Attorney Stephen Fischer. Approval of the minutes, with changes, was moved by Commissioner Thibeault, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck Davis , with Survival Industries, gave a presentation regarding “First Response Food”, emergency kits to cover the first 24 hours of any event with a five year shelf life. Each package includes; wheat based food, water and blanket. Survival Industries is an Oxnard-based company that offers individual along with group support kits.

D. PRESENTATION

Mike Williams, Program Director and Attorney with Grey Law, gave a presentation of services provided by Grey Law.

Commissioner Kobashigawa made a presentation regarding her visit to the Walking Program, one of the programs run by grant recipient St. John's Regional Medical Center.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake gave an update on the latest Senior Services programs, including:

1. Senior Prom: 60-70 seniors attended and it was very well planned by the three senior center directors.
2. Senior Nutrition received \$523.00 to use for salad bars.
3. Rummage Sale: Colonia had at Wilson Senior Center last Saturday.
4. Wilson Senior Center is now offering Monday morning exercise and is trying to start a chess club.
5. South Oxnard Senior Center is now offering a Friday Zumba class.
6. Colonia Senior Center had a very successful van trip to the local farmers market.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioners reviewed and made minor changes to the draft senior survey instrument provided by Commissioner Thibeault at their June meeting. Among the changes: Adding "e. Other" to sources of income in item 5; adding "g. Transportation" to item 8; incorporating item 9 with item 19; changing instructions on item 12 to "circle" those that apply; and adding comment lines to item 13. Commissioner Kobashigawa requested the type be larger. Commissioner Thibeault will make the revisions and bring the survey in final form to the next meeting.

Commissioner Rowe requested discussion of the Commission's report to the City Council be continued to the next meeting. There was some minor discussion with Assistant City Attorney Stephen Fischer regarding the process to submit items for a council agenda.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe gave a brief report from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging regarding the expected impact on seniors of California state budget cuts.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Kobashigawa requested a discussion of general safety of seniors at the senior centers. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved.

Commissioner Davis asked about the process to send minutes to the City Council. Eastlake reported the minutes are sent to the City Manager, as indicated in Commission by-laws, each month after they are approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Kobashigawa made a motion to discuss a senior garden; Chair Rowe seconded. Motion passed.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Kobashigawa, second by Chair Rowe to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.