

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2012

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Senior Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:02 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Present: N. Kobashigawa, D. Thibeault, R. Fischer
P. Davis, N. Rowe, L. Villareal-Yu,
A. Esparza, D. Ford and A. Sweetland

Commissioner Absent:

Staff Present: Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney
Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director
Greg Barnes, Recreation Coordinator

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from March, April, and May (approved with one correction - effluence problem and not affluence problem). Motion to approve by Commissioner Kobashigawa and seconded by Commissioner Sweetland, motion passed.

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D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None

F. PRESENTATIONS

Mike Stillwagon, Gold Coast Ambulance Service, made presentation on “HANDS ONLY” CPR. Mr. Stillwagon included, to Senior Commissioners, a hands-on application, of “Hands Only” continuous compressions CPR, with the mission of making Ventura County the safest in the nation.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Greg Barnes reported on Senior Services programming and activities –

Wilson Center:

Volunteer currently operating computer lab – with current computers. Advisory Council met on May 24th and will meet again on June 21st. Wilson Senior (above ground) Garden, with help from City Corps is moving forward. Received (8) 4x4 bind from Gill’s Onions, which are currently in repair. The old shuffle board area has been cleaned with Parks division taking out trip hazard and installing quick coupler for water access. Parks will also help with soil. Chair Rowe and commissioner Kobashigawa working on garden Rules/Regulations.

South Oxnard Center:

White Rabbit will cater next luncheon and Advisory council will meet on June 13th (special meeting) and will hold regular meeting on June 27th.

Colonia Center:

Advisory Council met on June 7th. Colonia Center is currently hosting Walking Club on Wednesdays, from 10 am-11 am. Senior Services looking to set-up computer lab and develop programming.

Senior Services –

All centers will offer a Rummage Sale at Wilson Center on Saturday, July 14th. Wilson Center is working with Sycamore Senior Village to offer a mid-summer event. Date has not been set.

Sycamore Senior VILLAGE is the site for the September 29th “Mystery Theater” lunch/show. Each Center will sell tickets @ \$25.00.

Summer Luau at Oxnard Beach Park will be held on Saturday, August 4th.

Chair Rowe reviewed Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) website and presented information on the new Senior Support Line program, which offers opportunity for senior to connect to services and or personal contact. Chair Rowe discussed a possible power point presentation to each of the senior centers regarding VCAA Website.

Commissioner Sweetland offered information on the Friendship Line in San Francisco, which provide telephone contact with homebound seniors.

Commissioner Thibeault discussed FY 2012-13 Senior Services budget by reviewing Senior Service active positions in relationship to budget. Commissioner Thibeault took issue with the allocation of Senior Services personnel.

Greg Barnes reviewed Senior Nutrition Program fundraising efforts – twice a month lunches to assist in covering costs by having city employees buying more than their own lunch, which can pay for a senior lunch and thus not cut into current allocations. Next date is June 29th.

Greg Barnes reviewed Older American Month activities from all three centers.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis discussed the history (problems) of Sycamore Senior Village and how it currently thrives. David Walker, Oxnard Police, has been instrumental in improving the situation along with new management at Sycamore Senior Village. Commissioner Davis & David Walker, OPD, are currently working with Sycamore management and Senior Services to offer more joint programming at site.

Chair Rowe and Commissioner Thibeault offered an invitation to Sycamore Senior Village management (Phoenix) to attend commission meeting. City Attorney Julie Doi mentioned the need to set-up a special meeting, if wanting to have meeting at Sycamore site.

David Walker, OPD, reviewed issues and actions at Wilson Senior Center

Commissioner Davis discussed meeting with Councilman Flynn and issue of a sports park at Campus Park. They're against a sports park at Campus Park; dog people want access, botanical garden proponents have a good idea, but are shortsighted. Commissioner Davis has an idea to secure grant \$\$\$ and accommodate all people, inclusive of a Senior Service Center. The proposal is a win-win situation.

Commissioner Davis still interested in old Todey Chevrolet site for a new Senior Center.

Progress on Senior Goals –

Commissioner Thibeault opened discussion with comments regarding lack of progress in the last four years.

Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor presented the following Measure “O” items:

\$100,000 granted to update Wilson Center & Services

1. Purchase of Senior Services Van
2. Install forth (vegetable) sink at Wilson kitchen
3. Purchase computers for all centers
4. Purchase new audio system at Wilson Center
5. Purchase wall dividers for Wilson Center

\$100,000 for Wilson Center feasibility study could also be inclusive of Senior Master Plan and survey.

Commissioners Davis and Ford brought up issue and need for city to offer “Care Program” for utility bill relief. The City will hold a public hearing (Rate Increase) on July 17th and the need for seniors to voice their concerns.

Commissioner Davis is concerned that the city lacks a program to assist homebound and the special needs.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSIESS

Passed on Report

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sweetland asked that the “Old Business” be handled before the “New Business” and that all items should have a time limit.

Commissioner Kobashigawa would like to re-visit deliberators given we have a new fire chief.

Commissioner Davis inquired in the process of how to give reports.

Chair Rowe would like to discuss sign-ins

Commissioner Thibeault would like to add Senior services complaints on the agenda.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Kobashigawa. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.