

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2012

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:07 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: D. Ford, A. Sweetland

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
S. Fischer, City Attorney

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thibeault moved, Commissioner Davis seconded to approve minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Garces, public information officer with Oxnard Fire Department, spoke about a new grant program which will provide free smoke detectors to seniors.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Chair Rowe recognized the seniors from the Colonia Senior Center and the South Oxnard Senior Program for their participation in the countywide Wii Bowling Tournament.

Volunteer Patricia Kosmo was also applauded for her volunteer service at the Wilson Senior Center and with the Senior Nutrition Program.

Representatives from Gil's Onions and City Corps could not attend the meeting; they will be recognized in the future.

E. PRESENTATION

Christina Forino, coordinator for the Brown Bag program at FOOD Share, spoke about the program, which provides free supplemental food to 1,894 seniors in the county. The program name will change to Senior Share in January 2013.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes said the fire department has approved the concept of installing defibrillators in the senior centers. He is working to meet county regulations before the machines can be installed.

Commissioners agreed to meet the following dates through the year: January 15, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, September 10, October 8 and November 12. The months of August and December will be dark.

Seniors are using four of nine plots available at the new Wilson Senior Garden.

Mailing of the Senior Center Survey was started on October 22 and should finish November 21. Between 40 and 50 surveys are being returned to the Senior Services office each work day.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed subcommittees and assignments. Commissioner Davis suggested a subcommittee be formed to inspect senior living facilities. Commissioners Thibeault and Yu will join Chair Rowe on the Bylaws Committee. Commissioner Davis and Chair Rowe will work together to create an annual report on Commission activities.

Marisue Eastlake provided a recap of the RSVP Night at the Symphony volunteer appreciation event. Commissioners encouraged RSVP to hold the event again in the future.

Eastlake also updated Commissioners on changes to the RSVP program, including the grant application process being competitive for the first time. Barnes told the group Oxnard would continue a senior volunteer program whether or not federal funding was received.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners suggested seniors receive disaster preparation information. Commissioner Davis inquired about making a section of A Street into a promenade and if it would be possible for commissioners to get involved in the process.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Fischer, and seconded by Commissioner Thibeault. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.