

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2013

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:09 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: K. Brainard, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa, A. Madrid, N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: None

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Fischer moved for approval of the July 9, 2013 minutes; Commissioner Brainard seconded. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Commissioners recognized several Parks Division employees for work done to ready the Wilson Rose Garden for the July tea party. Chair Rowe also presented a plaque to Recreation Supervisor Richard Arias, who is retiring soon, in recognition of his support for Senior Services.

E. PRESENTATION

Lisa Powell, with Catholic Charities OASIS, made a presentation regarding services provided in Oxnard. Several members of the Congress of California Seniors spoke about programming they provide, including a senior tech support day at the Oxnard Boys and Girls Club. Dr. Don Thibeault made a presentation regarding the lack of computer ownership and literacy among seniors. He suggested forming a nonprofit to meet this need.

F. OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion on both a recognition barbecue for City Corps and a senior dance. Chair Rowe suggested looking at the senior centers' calendars to set a future date for the dance. Commissioners recommended holding the City Corps event on a Saturday in October.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed moving the Commission's 2014 meetings to a library meeting room. Chair Rowe asked them each to visit the room prior to the next Commission meeting. Assistant City Attorney Tilford provided a review of the Brown Act.

Greg Barnes, interim recreation supervisor, reviewed the application process for Senior Services Commission grants, which were due August 30, and discussed upcoming steps. A total of \$44,600 is available. Commissioner Sweetland cannot attend the next Commission meeting, during which it is expected a decision will be made regarding recipients. She asked to form a subcommittee to review and report back to the entire Commission regarding the grants. Commissioners agreed, naming Commissioners Sweetland, Esparza and Rowe to the subcommittee.

Chair Rowe asked that Senior Services staff provide Commissioners with advance notice about special events. Commissioner Madrid agreed, saying there is a need for better communication between city staff and commissioners.

Marisue Eastlake updated the Commission regarding the coming countywide Senior Summit as well as progress on opening a Veterans Career Closet. Barnes introduced Diego Zuniga and explained his expanded role within Senior Services. Zuniga discussed the Fiesta, to be held September 13, and an October 31 costume party.

Commissioners Brainard and Madrid left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vice Chair Esparza reviewed the Senior Center Master Plan presentation done before the City Council and discussed visiting area senior centers. A subcommittee comprised Commissioners Brainard, Esparza and Kobashigawa will tour other centers and report back.

The Rose Garden subcommittee will hold its first Wilson Rose Society meeting on September 24, 2013 at 4 p.m. in the Wilson Senior Center.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe requested a discussion of the public bathroom outside the entrance to the Wilson Senior Center be placed on the next agenda.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kobashigawa and seconded by Commissioner Yu. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.