

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 8, 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, N. Kobashigawa, A. Madrid, N. Rowe, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent: R. Fischer, A. Sweetland

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

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Esparza moved for approval of the September 10, 2013 minutes; Commissioner Brainard seconded. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Jane LeMond-Alvarez, with the National Association Against Child Cruelty, spoke about the organization's work and thanked volunteers from Wilson and Colonia Senior Center who helped make 200 scarf and hat sets for abused children to wear in court to help them remember they have support. Commissioners recognized and thanked the volunteers, giving each a certificate.

E. PRESENTATION

Michael Williams, with Grey Law, spoke on that organization's services and their new Legal Information for Elderly (LIFE) seminars. Kathy Terry provided information about the Ombudsman Long-Term Care Services, and Natalie Sullaway made a presentation on Vocational Skills Services, Inc.

F. OLD BUSINESS

After discussing relocating Senior Services Commission meetings to the library, Commissioner Kobashigawa moved and Commissioner Madrid seconded to make the move at the beginning of 2014. Motion carried.

Greg Barnes told Commissioners the appreciation barbecue for City Corps members was scheduled for October 26, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wilson Senior Center.

Discussion on the 2013-14 Senior Services grants was moved to the end of Commission meeting.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Barnes reported on correcting problems related to the restrooms outside the Wilson Senior Center entrance. He read aloud an email from a senior new to the Center regarding the bad odor coming from the restrooms, noted Center participants list it as one of their top three concerns regarding the facility, and shared staff issues regarding activities attracted by it. Commissioner Brainard moved that a letter be developed to share with other City organizations and commissions about the bathrooms to seek support for their removal. Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded. Approved.

Diego Zuniga provided an update on senior services activities.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Vice Chair Esparza reported on her visit with Commissioners Kobashigawa and Brainard to senior centers in Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks.

The Rose Garden subcommittee held the first Wilson Rose Society meeting on September 24, 2013 when it was decided to open the garden the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. to the public. The first opening will be October 16, 2013.

Commissioner Madrid left the meeting at 10:57.

F. OLD BUSINESS continued

Commissioners reviewed Senior Services grant recommendations from Commissioner Sweetland and a general discussion on allocating the \$44,600 in available grant funds followed. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved and Commissioner Brainard seconded the following distribution of the grant funds. Approval was unanimous.

Camarillo Hospice	\$4,000
CAREGIVERS	\$6,000
OASIS (Catholic Charities)	\$5,000
FOOD Share	\$3,000
Grey Law	\$2,500
Livingston Visiting Nurses Association	\$2,500

Ombudsman Long-Term Care Services	\$5,000
RSVP Bone Builders	\$4,000
Shop Ahoy	\$2,000
St. John's Regional Medical Center, Education Dept.	\$5,000
VC Area Agency on Aging	<u>\$5,600</u>
	\$44,600

Grant applications were also received from the Oxnard Senior Garden and Vocational Skills Services, Inc., but funding was not recommended.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

No discussion to report.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Vice Chair Esparza and seconded by Commissioner Kobashigawa.
Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.