

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes - CORRECTED
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2014

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: K. Brainard, R. Fischer, N.
Kobashigawa, A. Madrid, A. Sweetland
D. Thibeault, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners Absent: A. Esparza

Staff Present: Ralph Alamillo, Interim Parks Director
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
P. Morrison, Interim Senior Services Supervisor
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator
R. Tilford, Deputy City Attorney
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thibeault moved approval of September 9, 2014 minutes. Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none ABSENT: Esparza. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nash spoke about public access television and creating new shows. Steve Huber, a City Council candidate, urged those present to vote.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Renee Rakestraw recognized and thanked the following volunteers from the South Oxnard Senior Center for providing exercise instruction: Joanne Digneo, Yolanda Lopez, Ester Villanueva, Lina Estrada, and Barbara Smalley. Smalley was not in attendance.

E. OLD BUSINESS

After discussion, Commissioners provided direction to staff that all commissioners will sign the certificates to be given to those celebrating their 100th birthday.

Ralph Alamillo provided an update on the Wilson Park restrooms. A grant has been applied for which would provide for the purchase of a stainless steel, stand alone, unisex restroom. Alamillo stated the restroom would be located in the same location as the current facility. Commissioners voiced concerns over the location, requesting it be placed away from the senior center entrance due to odor.

Commissioners discussed riding in the 2014 Oxnard Holiday Parade. Commissioners Fischer, Kobashigawa, Sweetland, Thibeault and Yu noted they would like to participate.

Diego Zuniga showed a one-minute compilation of My Story videos done to date. He has recorded the life stories of 15 seniors.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thibeault moved to give \$4,460 to each of 10 applicants for the Senior Services grants. There was no second. After further discussion Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded distributing the available \$44,600 as follows:

Camarillo Hospice	\$5,000
Caregivers: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly	\$6,000
Catholic Charities/OASIS	\$4,100
FOOD Share	\$3,000
Grey Law of Ventura County, Inc.	\$2,500
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association	\$3,000
Long Term Care Ombudsman	\$5,500
Shop Ahoy	\$3,500
St. Johns Regional Medical Center, Education Department	\$5,000
Ventura County Area Agency on Aging	\$7,000

Motion approved. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none ABSENT: Esparza. ABSTAIN: none.

Rakestraw and Zuniga presented a slide show of the Palm Vista Senior Center.

Rakestraw reviewed recent activities and discussed future events at the three Oxnard senior centers, including Halloween themed events scheduled for October 31. Commissioners were asked to help with collecting raffle items, entertainment and encouraging people to attend. The South Oxnard Senior Center Wii Bowling Team took second place in the annual countywide bowling tournament.

Eastlake provided information on the upcoming Fall Prevention Forum and gave a recap of RSVP activities, including the opening of the Military and Veteran Legal Clinic Ventura County which is supported by RSVP volunteers, as well as results of a recent federal monitoring.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

No report was provided on activities of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Brainard reported from the Senior Center subcommittee. Members felt it was important to educate the new city manager and interim recreation superintendent about the need for a new senior center. They further suggested creating a speakers bureau to make presentations at public meetings, developing flyers and speaking at a future City Council meeting.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sweetland requested to keep the Wilson Park restroom on future agendas.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Thibeault moved; Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded adjourning the meeting. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu.
NOS: none ABSENT: Esparza. ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.