

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2014

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator
R. Tilford, Deputy City Attorney
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Kobashigawa requested the spelling of her name be corrected in the minutes of October 14, 2014. Chair Sweetland suggested further clarification of the certificate distribution discussed under Old Business, noting it should include the certificates celebrate 100th birthdays. Commissioner Thibeault moved approval of the November 18, 2014 minutes, as corrected. Commissioner Fischer seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None

E. PRESENTATION

Nicole Cavalino, with Mobility Management Partners, spoke about a new rider-centered transportation program for seniors which will provide mileage reimbursement for pre-approved travel. They anticipate covering travel to grocery stores, hairdressers, doctors, and more.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Sweetland shared she had presented a 100th birthday certificate during the past month. Commissioners discussed including flowers when presenting the certificates and asked that a dozen vases etched with wording appropriate for a 100th birthday celebration

be purchased for this use. There was no update on the Wilson Park restrooms. Commissioner Madrid spoke about the Wilson Senior Center entry in Oxnard's 2014 Christmas Parade. Renee Rakestraw shared she had procured a truck with hay bales for Commissioners to ride on in the parade. Greg Barnes reported the Commission's recommendations for dispersal of Senior Services grants would be presented to the City Council for final approval in December.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thibeault suggested changing the 2015 annual meeting calendar to include stops at each of the senior centers. Commissioners agreed, but said they wanted to see greater participation from center participants if they did that. No calendar was approved so staff could make arrangements with center directors.

Commissioners Sweetland and Brainard will meet with Barnes to work on developing an annual report to give to the City Council. The report will be presented to the Commission before going to the Council.

Commissioners indicated interest in a joint meeting with the Oxnard Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission, but wanted clarification on the meeting's purpose and agenda. Barnes reviewed the total amount of Measure O money provided to Senior Services programs since the fund's inception. Commissioners discussed including a wish list of items and/or programs to be funded via Measure O in their City Council annual report.

Rakestraw and Marisue Eastlake reviewed activities at the senior centers and RSVP. Commissioners were reminded of the all-center Senior Holiday Party on December 19.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Esparza reported the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging was commencing on a new marketing program with new slogans. Commissioner Brainard reported from the Senior Center subcommittee, including that a request had been made to present during regular Neighborhood Council meetings.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Madrid asked that the new Palm Vista Senior Center director attend a future meeting so Commissioners might meet her. She also wanted to discuss holding an appreciation for Senior Services staff. Commissioner Thibeault requested a discussion on 2015 Commission goal. Chair Sweetland thanked Commissioner Kobashigawa, who is not returning for another year on the commission, for her service.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.