

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Special Meeting

January 13, 2015

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:03 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
Sisy Mohorko, Palm Vista Senior Center Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator
R. Tilford, Deputy City Attorney
D. Zuniga, Program Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Renee Rakestraw introduced Sisy Mohorko, the new director at Palm Vista Senior Center. Mohorko described her background for commissioners.

E. PRESENTATION

Carrie Sabatini, Interim Housing Director, spoke about assessing unmet needs for the FY15-16 Annual Action Plan related to CDBG/ESG/HOME grants.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes gave an update on the Wilson Park grant, including new bathroom facilities and other potential changes. He told commissioners the City Council had approved their recommendations for the 2014 Senior Services grants and checks had been mailed to awardees.

Chair Sweetland reviewed the Commission's annual meeting calendar. Commissioner Thibeault moved to adopt the calendar. Commissioner Fischer seconded. AYES: Brainard, Esparza, Fischer, Kobashigawa, Madrid, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thibeault presented 12 suggested goals for 2015 and a general discussion ensued. Commissioners agreed to form an ad hoc Publicity Committee comprised of Commissioners Fischer and Madrid.

After discussion commissioners agreed to a presentation and visitation schedule for 2015 Senior Services grantees, with the following visitation assignments and report dates:

- Commissioners Fischer and Yu – FOOD Share, March 10
- Commissioner Sweetland – CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, May 12
- Commissioner Sweetland – Livingston Memorial, June 9
- Commissioner Thibeault – Shop Ahoy, September 8
- Commissioners Brainard and Madrid – VCAAA, October 13

Staff will schedule presentations by grantees not visited by commissioners.

Barnes presented a draft of the Commission's annual report to the City Council and commissioners gave input on changes and additions.

Barnes reviewed upcoming excursions and told commissioners about new local trips focused on the barns of Ventura County.

Rakestraw and Eastlake provided updates on recent Senior Services programs and events.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Esparza announced she was retiring from the Commission due to family issues. There was no activity to report from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Brainard announced she will make a presentation regarding Commission activity at the Inter-Neighborhood Council Forum in early February.

Commissioners Madrid and Esparza left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items requested.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 A.M.