

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

May 12, 2015

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: K. Brainard, R. Fischer, K. Lanker, A. Madrid,
C. Owens, A. Sweetland, L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners Absent: D. Thibeault

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

Minutes were approved without correction. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Thibeault. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johnny Garcia Vasquez, field representative for Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, spoke about a meeting the Assemblymember is hosting in July regarding senior issues and asked for a representative to attend.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Renee Rakestraw gave some background on the AARP tax assistance program and thanked the volunteers staffing the program for their service. George Lopez and Juergen Ohrt were on hand to accept certificates for the seven volunteers who assist at the Wilson Senior Center.

The Commission recognized Jesus and Soledad Hernandez for 78 years of marriage.

E. PRESENTATION

Sr. Suzanne Soppe gave an overview of the Senior Wellness Program provided by St. John's Regional Medical Center and its collaborations with Oxnard's Senior Services.

Commissioner Sweetland provided a report on CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly and its work in Oxnard.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Rakestraw reported Facilities brought an architect to see the Wilson Senior Center kitchen. The CDBG application from Senior Services was funded at \$50,000 and

provides funds for a pilot virtual senior center and technology classes at the senior centers. A staff committee will be formed; it is hoped the programs will be started by November.

Rakestraw reviewed the Senior Legends Games and invited commissioners to attend the remaining events, including an upcoming dance and the closing ceremony on May 28.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Diego Zuniga provided an overview of the department's social media efforts, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Rakestraw and Marisue Eastlake updated commissioners on senior programs. The Senior Legend Games were the highlight of May, and two senior centers had Mother's Day celebrations, according to Rakestraw. Eastlake announced the Bone Builders Buddies program has 23 volunteers and that the RSVP program had been recognized both at the county and city level during a National Day of Recognition.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

New Senior Center Subcommittee – Vice Chair Brainard said she had requested a time to meet with the City Manager.

Publicity Subcommittee – Commissioner Madrid said she had attended a City Council meeting to announce the Senior Legends Games.

Wilson Park & Senior Center Subcommittee – no discussion.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners requested future discussion on appointing a representative for Assemblymember Irwin's meeting in July as well as a report on results of the Senior Legends Games.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.