



SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

October 13, 2015

Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: A. Madrid

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the July 14 and September 8, 2015 meetings were approved. Moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Owens. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vanise Terry, with Supervisor Linda Parks' office, invited commissioners to the Senior Summit, scheduled for November 14 at CSUCI. The theme this year is "There's No Place Like Home."

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None

E. PRESENTATION

Tony Miller, president of Shop Ahoy, gave an overview of the non-profit's services within Oxnard and the county.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Renee Rakestraw led a discussion on long-term goals for the commission. After breaking into two smaller groups to discuss ideas, commissioners agreed upon the following goals:

- Establish a foundation to raise construction funds for a new state-of-the-art senior center and to support new and ongoing programs and existing senior centers; and
- Demolish the existing Wilson Park restrooms and reconstruct them in a different location within the park.

Commissioners discussed possible criteria for allocating the \$44,600 in senior grant funds available. A final decision on fund distribution will be made at the November commission meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Rakestraw invited commissioners to attend a variety of holiday celebrations at the senior centers and the all-center celebration at the Performing Arts Center, announced a new person was overseeing the senior garden, and gave an overview of the new Wilson Park Ambassador Program. Commissioners discussed being in the December 5 Oxnard Christmas Parade.

Marisue Eastlake gave an update on RSVP activities including that the federal grant will be extended administratively for the next three-year period, federal interest in funding volunteers involved in evidence-based programming, and a veterans pinning ceremony for RSVP members who served in the military and are again serving their country as volunteers. She has arranged to have a table at the Oxnard Boulevard Walgreen's store on senior day, which is the first Tuesday of each month.

Commissioners reviewed the 2016 calendar, but tabled a decision on grantee visitation assignments and presentations until they select grant recipients in November.

Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Owens seconded adoption of the calendar as presented. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid. ABSTAIN: none.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioners were provided the Senior Center Master Plan document created in 2013. Commissioners Owens and Lanker agreed to join Vice Chair Brainard on the New Senior Center subcommittee. Chair Sweetland and Vice Chair Brainard discussed their involvement with Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and the committee assignments they had accepted.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lanker moved and Commissioner Owens seconded adjournment. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Madrid, Thibeault. ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.