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**CITY OF OXNARD
SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION**

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

VIRTUAL <https://zoom.us/j/97058929272?pwd=SmdKYlpOaVowSWFISIVNckx3d1FTdz09>

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: L. Montgomery, J. Nevitt, C. Owens, A. Sweetland

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Cruz, Recreation Coordinator
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Community Services Manager

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the SSC meeting from March 9, 2021. Commissioner Owens moved approval; Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion approved.

AYES: Montgomery, Nevitt, Owens, Sweetland.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: none.

ABSTAIN: none.

E. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Renee Rakestraw asked Commissioners to pick up a copy of Roberts Rules of Order and their Commission notebook from the Senior Services Office. The Senior Nutrition grant will go before the City Council on May 4.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: 2021 Partner Agency Presentation Calendar. Commissioners discussed partner visits, agreeing that Commissioner Sweetland will report on Clinicas and Dignity Health while Commissioner Owens will report on Disabled American Vets.

2. SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission update to City Council. Commissioners Sweetland and Nevitt have met with Rakestraw to discuss the annual report. Work continues on the report which will be presented at the City Council meeting on May 18.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events. Jorge Cruz discussed recent activities within Senior Services including an egg hunt in the Rose Garden attended by more than 30 seniors. The mayor joined with staff to wish resident Mariam Yabalon a happy 101st birthday. The senior nutrition program served 3,137 to-go lunches in March and 1,685 home delivered meals. Some activities being planned include a walking club in Wilson Park, loteria in Wilson Park (May 5), a senior wellness fair (May 7), outdoor loteria at Palm Vista (May 19) and outdoor art classes (May 20 and 27) and parking lot bingo (May 21). Every last Friday of the month will be a senior birthday celebration.

Marisue Eastlake shared about the development of a new social calling program named CHAT (Call Him/Her And Talk). Training continues to develop volunteer master trainers for Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance. She will hold a Zoom meeting with the RSVP Bone Builders instructors this week to discuss restarting classes. Work continues in the effort to provide iPads to RSVP volunteers serving in Caregivers' Vaccine Buddy and telehealth program. A new TCMBB class started last week at Oxnard Beach Park with about 30 attendees and a World Tai Chi Day celebration will be held on April 24 at the same location. Work continues on a volunteer appreciation drive-thru to be held in May.

Renee Rakestraw shared information regarding the VCAAA Fall Prevention hosted online the week of April 26.

2. SUBJECT: Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Representative(s). Commissioner Montgomery moved and Commissioner Nevitt seconded the nomination of Commissioners Sweetland and Owens to the VCAAA Advisory Council.

AYES: Montgomery, Nevitt, Owens, Sweetland.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: none.

ABSTAIN: none.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Sweetland. Commissioner Owens shared the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program had been shut out of group facilities during COVID, making it difficult to continue their watchdog role. VCAAA is providing transportation to vaccination sites and, in limited situations, arranging for shots in homes. Commissioner Sweetland reported that 500 seniors receive food through World Central Kitchen and another 2,500 seniors are served through the Great Plates program. Through Operation Roomkey, hotel rooms are being provided to homeless seniors. She further discussed a new program called Digital Divide, which will provide technology to seniors, who will be able to check out the equipment from area libraries.

2. New Senior Center - Commissioner Nevitt, Commissioner Owens. Commissioner Nevitt reported ORCAS has received an MOU from the City, with which the group was overall disappointed, and have worked with Ventura County Community Foundation. Discussion ensued on how best to move forward with the City.

3. Collaboration with Local Agencies. Commissioner Sweetland reported on California Department of Rehabilitation. Commissioner Montgomery gave a report on Camarillo Hospice while Commissioner Nevitt reported on Caregivers. Commissioner Owens gave an update on Catholic Charities.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Owens asked when the Commission might meet in person again. Commissioner Sweetland asked when new members might be approved by the City Council.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn; Commissioner Montgomery seconded.

AYES: Montgomery, Nevitt, Owens, Sweetland.

NOS: none.

ABSENT: none.

ABSTAIN: none.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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