



REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: J. Cruz, Recreation Coordinator
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
Julie Estrada, Management Analyst I

None.

ABSTAIN: none.

Julie Estrada, who was sitting in for Renee Rakestraw, introduced herself. She made no report.

2. SUBJECT: Senior Services Commission update to City Council. Commissioners Sweetland and Nevitt shared that the annual report, done in video, was completed. It will be presented to the City Council on May 18.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events. Jorge Cruz discussed April activities within Senior Services including outdoor loteria on Cinco de Mayo and a new Walking Club. The Senior Wellness Fair, held in early May, was successful with 17 different agencies providing information and about 100 attendees. Upcoming Older American Month activities include outdoor and balcony loteria, parking lot bingo, the Walking Club, and an outdoor art class. Additionally, monthly birthday celebrations will begin. In April, the Senior Nutrition Program served 2,063 hot meals and provided 1,665 home-delivered meals.

Marisue Eastlake shared RSVP program activities. Planning continues on a drive-through volunteer appreciation. RSVP Bone Builders classes are re-starting outside and laying the groundwork to provide iPads for volunteers serving to connect seniors with vaccinations and telehealth appointments is ongoing. World Tai Chi Day, celebrated around the world and hosted by RSVP locally as a marketing tool, was successfully celebrated in late April, with about 60 attendees.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Sweetland. Commissioner Owens reported the council did not meet in April. Commissioner Sweetland discussed the activities of the agency's Digital Divide Committee, which has a goal of helping seniors get more technologically adept. There will be equipment available, including iPads for checkout through local libraries and Google Home devices to be given away, as well as lessons on how to use them.

2. New Senior Center - Commissioner Nevitt, Commissioner Owens. Commissioner Nevitt reported ORCAS had met with the Cultural and Community Services Department Director regarding the MOU between the non-profit and the City, and came away with a clearer idea of their role in the new senior center.

3. Collaboration with Local Agencies. Commissioner Owens reported on services offered by the Disabled American Veterans. All 1,300 agency locations were closed due to the pandemic. Commissioner Sweetland gave a report on Clinicas del Camino Real and their services, which include medical, dental, optical, and more. She also spoke about Dignity Health, which has moved their educational services online during the pandemic.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sweetland inquired about filling the vacant Commission seats.

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 9:55 a.m.

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