

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
11/8/2022

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:09 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

Commissioners present: Gloria Massey Chinaea, LaRita Montgomery, Jeffrey Nevitt, Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: Clark Owens

Staff members present: Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator; Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; and Renee Rakestraw, Cultural and Community Services Department Assistant Director.

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Postponed to January meeting

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Cruz shared October Senior Nutrition Program numbers: 1,900 home delivered meals and 1,635 congregate meals. He spoke about an excursion in October, as well as upcoming trips. There was a special senior reception at the City's Dia de los Muertos altar. Senior free swim is open every Friday at the Colonia pool. About 40 seniors went through a Trunk or Treat event held for Halloween. Upcoming events include Veterans Day and Friendsgiving celebrations at each center.

The Recreation Supervisor shared RSVP happenings, including the training of new RSVP Bone Builders and Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance instructors and upcoming refresher courses for instructors. She shared there would be an appreciation lunch for Bone Builders instructors to celebrate the program's 15th year.

The Assistant Director reviewed a visit by US Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra and Congresswoman Julia Brownley to Wilson Senior Center.

ACTION: Update was received.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Ventura County Area Agency on Aging: Commissioner Sweetland said the Legacy Award recipients would be named at the next VCAAA Advisory Council meeting.
2. New Senior Center: No Commissioner report was given.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary reminded commissioners they need to submit their commission application for the coming year and that goals would be reviewed and revised in the new year. She asked Commissioners if they wanted to be in the Oxnard Christmas Parade; Commissioners Sweetland and Massey Chinae were interested.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Sweetland shared information about a senior turning 102, and asked that she be recognized. Commissioner Massey Chinae also knew a senior celebrating an important birthday.
2. Commissioner Nevitt discussed his involvement with the VCCF scholarship program.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Commissioner Sweetland: Place commission goals on January agenda
2. Commissioner Massey Chinae: Requested copies of VCAAA strategic plan

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19, Commissioner Nevitt moved the meeting adjourn. Commissioner Massey Chinae seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Owens absent.

Renee Rakestraw, Secretary

Alice Sweetland, Chairperson