

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
2/14/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:15 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

Commissioners present: Gloria Massey Chinaea, Jeffrey Nevitt, Clark Owens, Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: LaRita Montgomery.

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. CEREMONIAL ITEM

1. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Certificate recognizing Sam's Club volunteer and clean-up efforts at Wilson Rose Garden.

Commissioners thanked Raul Razo, Oxnard Sam's Club manager, for employee clean up of the Wilson Rose Garden area.

2. SUBJECT: Presentation of a Certificate recognizing Home Instead's support of the gift giving efforts to home-bound participants in the Senior Nutrition Program.

Commissioners recognized Joe Malagon, owner of Home Instead, for organizing the annual collection and distribution of holiday gifts for homebound seniors.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of January 10, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Massey Chinaea moved approval as recommended.
Commissioner Nevitt seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

E. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. **SUBJECT:** Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission appoint a Chair and Vice Chair each for a one-year term.

DISCUSSION: Clark Owens moved that Commissioner Sweetland remain as Chair and Commissioner Nevitt as Vice Chair. Commission Massey China seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **SUBJECT:** Report by Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Cruz reported on January Senior Nutrition Program numbers: 1,940 home delivered meals and 1,714 congregate meals. He shared new weekly computer technology classes have started rotating through the four senior centers. The latest excursion, which went to the Ronald Reagan Library, had 20 participants. Home-delivered meal participants received Valentine's Day cards from Junior City Corps members. Centers will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17.

Recreation Supervisor Eastlake shared information on RSVP including an RSVP Bone Builders new instructor training and program expansion. A refresher class held in January was attended by 28 current Bone Builders instructors and a new Facebook group has been started for the instructors. There is a TCMBB new instructor training scheduled in April and September. RSVP hosted an open house in January with about 50 attending. RSVP is actively recruiting volunteers for the library gift shop and Recreation special events.

3. **SUBJECT:** Report by Commissioner Sweetland and Commissioner Owens on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Business
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Sweetland shared a state plan to help seniors on MediCal with their health care needs.

ACTION: Update was received.

4. **SUBJECT:** 2023 Commission Goals
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission discuss and set goals for 2023.

DISCUSSION: Assistant Director Rakestraw distributed potential goals which commissioners had emailed to her. Commissioners added more goals.

ACTION: Information was received and Commissioners will consider all goals at their next meeting.

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report on the Commission Goal to Build a New State of the Art Senior Center

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report from the New Senior Center Ad-Hoc Committee

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Owens had nothing to report. Assistant Director Rakestraw shared there is a new lawsuit against the City which for now stops any new bonds, which were to be used to fund the new senior center. She is working with Assemblymember Steve Bennett and the Ventura County Community Foundation on alternate funding. There was general discussion about the center and ORCAS.

ACTION: Update was received.

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary distributed information about required ethics training and a Dementia Friendly open house on March 1.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Nevitt shared information from a Food Share newsletter.
2. Commissioner Massey Chinae discussed celebrating 100th birthdays.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:56 a.m., Commissioner Owens moved the meeting adjourn. Commissioner Massey Chinae seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.



Renee Rakestraw, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson