

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
4/11/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:02 a.m. a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

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

Commissioners absent: LaRita Montgomery.

Staff members present: Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator; Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; Matthew O'Neill, Recreation Coordinator; 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 February 14, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Brown Act Bylaws and Powers and Duties Training by City Attorney's office

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and complete training.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Training completed.

2. SUBJECT: Senior Services Programs and Events

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Cruz shared February and March Senior Nutrition Program numbers: In February 1,799 congregate meals with 25 new clients and 1,830 home-delivered meals with 7 new HDM clients. In March, 2,122 congregate meals and 2,565 home-delivered meals. A Paint & Sip class with mocktails is planned for April 26 in the Wilson Rose Garden. A Cinco de Mayo dance is planned for May 5.

Recreation Coordinator O'Neill shared that Bone Builders continues to grow and reviewed the training. A Spanish language class is planned for Colonia Senior Center. He reviewed the Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance program growth and training. He invited

Commissioners to RSVP's World Tai Chi Day celebration on April 29. Recruitment continues for other volunteer positions. He reminded Commissioners about the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 25.

ACTION: Reports were received.

3. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioner Sweetland and Commissioner Owens on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Business
RECOMMENDATION: Receive update.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Owens reported there is a special meeting the following day about combining VCAAA with another agency. Commissioner Sweetland reported the Legacy Awards will be available soon.
ACTION: Update was received.

4. SUBJECT: 2023 Commission Goals
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and set goals for 2023.
DISCUSSION: Assistant Director Rakestraw reviewed goals submitted by Commissioners who then discussed and chose ones they were interested in, as follows:
Health Education Programming – Commissioner Nevitt
Walking Program – Commissioner Sweetland
Technology Programming – Commissioner Massey Chinae
Program Evaluation – Commissioner Owens
ACTION: No vote was taken.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report on the Commission Goal to Build a New State of the Art Senior Center
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Owens reported construction is on hold due to restrictions placed on the city bonding which would have paid for the new center. There has been no progress and the effort is on hold.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary asked Eastlake to discuss the Commission's annual report to the City Council. She requested Commissioners attend the 5/2 council meeting to help present the report. Rakestraw shared an invitation to Together EngAGE, where the county's Aging plan will be presented.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. None.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Commissioner Sweetland would like to discuss reinstating partner agency grants.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:29 Commissioner Sweetland adjourned the meeting.

Renee Rakestraw
Renee Rakestraw, Secretary

Alice Sweetland
Alice Sweetland, Chairperson