

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
5/9/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:05 a.m., a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

Commissioners present: Gloria Massey Chinae, LaRita Montgomery (virtual), Jeffrey Nevitt, Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: Clark Owens.

Commissioner Nevitt moved, Commissioner Massey Chinae seconded allowing emergency virtual participation in the meeting.

Staff members present: 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 April 11, 2023.

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: Report by Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported Bone Builders held a refresher training for existing instructors in April. The latest TCMBB training produced four more instructor trainees. The next training is in September. World Tai Chi Day was a success with about 50 attendees joining in at East Park. RSVP has added Neuroboxing as its latest partner agency. The annual RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held last month, with the theme RSVP Takes Flight.

Recreation Supervisor Eastlake shared Senior Nutrition Program numbers: In April, 1,956 congregate meals and 1,955 home-delivered meals were provided. Seven seniors went to the Maritime Museum for April's excursion. The May excursion, which is already fully booked, will explore the Montecito Farmers Market. Eastlake also discussed a 100th birthday celebration and successful Cinco de Mayo dance. Each center will celebrate Mother's Day with their own special treat. ACTION: Reports were received.

2. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioner Sweetland and Commissioner Owens on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Business
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Sweetland reminded Commissioners about a summit on Thursday about the county's Aging Master Plan. She reported on the merger of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging with the county's Human Services Agency.
ACTION: Report was received.
3. SUBJECT: 2023 Commission Goals
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and set goals for 2023.
DISCUSSION: Assistant Director Rakestraw reviewed Commissioners' four approved 2023 goals. They started developing action plans for the goal of establishing a walking program (subcommittee of Commissioners Sweetland and Massey Chinae) and a second goal of establishing a health education program (subcommittee of Commissioners Nevitt and Montgomery). They will work on action plans for technology and program evaluation at their next meeting.
ACTION: No vote was taken.
4. SUBJECT: Senior Services Partner Agency Grants
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss advising the Oxnard City Council to bring back the Partner Agency Grants for local Senior Services Agencies.
DISCUSSION: Assistant Director Rakestraw reviewed the history of the grants, which most recently made \$44,600 available to area non-profits serving Oxnard's senior community. Commissioners discussed potential action.
ACTION: Commissioners Sweetland and Massey Chinae will meet to create a memo asking the City Council to reinstate grant funding.

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 Nevitt suggested removing the committee report until a time when funding may be available and the project can move forward.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary reviewed staff assignments and reminded Commissioners about the VCAAA Aging Summit.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sweetland discussed 100th birthday celebrations.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Sweetland asked for the Commission goals and reinstating partner agency grants to be placed on a future agenda.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Nevitt moved and Commissioner Massey China seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.



Renee Rakestraw, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson