

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
6/13/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:16 a.m., a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

Commissioners present: Clark Owens, LaRita Montgomery, Jeffrey Nevitt, Alice Sweetland.

Commissioners absent: Gloria Massey Chinae.

Staff members present: Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; Matthew O'Neill, Recreation Coordinator; Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator; Pam Morrison, Cultural and Community Services Manager; 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 May 9, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery moved approval of the minutes, with a correction to add the Action taken on Item E. Commissioner Nevitt seconded. Commissioner Owens abstained. Motion carried.

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 Jorge Cruz and Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill

Recreation Coordinator Jorge Cruz shared Senior Nutrition Program numbers: In May, 2,285 congregate meals and 2,135 home-delivered meals were provided. May 24 had a Paint and Sip event at the Wilson Garden with 11 participants. Next Paint and Sip will be held on June 21, with seven already registered. The May excursion was to Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks, there were 20 participants present. The June 12 excursion had 18 participants. Cruz provided an update on ARPA funding and the renovation to senior centers. Each center will

host a scam prevention presentation in July and an Independence Day celebration. New this year, there will be a senior fashion show on July 21, at the Wilson Center from 5:00-7:00pm. Palm Vista will host a senior arts/crafts boutique on July 28.

Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill shared six new Bone Builders instructors were trained in May. They will be shadowing existing instructors for now as they grow and develop as instructors. Bone Builders also had an appreciation event for instructors on June 2, combining it with a best practices session. TCMBB volunteers will also have an appreciation later in June. New TCMBB instructor training is slotted for September. Staff is actively recruiting Walk with Ease leaders. Telemundo aired a Bone Builders segment on May 18.

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 attended the EngAged event. VCAAA has begun to partner with local restaurants to offer restaurant-quality meals for the Senior Nutrition Program. Renee Rakestraw added VCAAA's Fall Prevention Forum committee has started planning the September summit.

ACTION: Report was received.

3. SUBJECT: 2023 Commission Goals

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and set goals for 2023

DISCUSSION: Commissioners continued their work on developing action plans for their 2023 goals. Commissioners Nevitt and Owens will work on evaluating programs while Commissioners Massey China and Sweetland will make up the subcommittee working on technology.

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: Commissioner Sweetland shared a draft letter to present to the City Council requesting reinstatement of the grant funding for non-profit agencies. Commissioners provided input on the letter's content. Commissioner Sweetland will return with a finalized draft.

ACTION: No vote was taken.

E. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Marisue Eastlake shared it is time to recommend VCAAA Advisory Council members to the City Council. The item will return on the next agenda.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

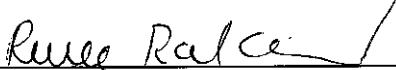
Commissioner Owens requested the Senior Services monthly calendar be shared with Commissioners at the beginning of each month.

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Items for future agendas included: Reports from the Walk with Ease and the Health Initiative subcommittees; a second draft of the letter requesting reinstatement of partner agency grants; cancellation of the August meeting; and nomination of representatives to the VCAAA Advisory Council.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:54 a.m. Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Montgomery seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.



Renee Rakestraw, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson