

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
7/11/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:13 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 June 13, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Owens moved approval of the minutes; Commissioner Nevitt seconded. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcella Franco spoke about the Senior Planets technology program and possible use to teach tech literacy to seniors at the Oxnard senior centers. Kim DeBroux, Executive Director, Conejo Free Clinic, spoke about the services the agency provides in the county, including in Oxnard. Councilmember Bert Perello spoke about closure of the Wilson Senior Center computer room and shared that the construction of a new senior center is on hold due to litigation.

LaRita Montgomery arrived for the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

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 reported 2,151 home delivered meals and 1,920 congregate meals were served in June. Twenty-two people are signed up for the July 17 excursion to the Aquarium of the Pacific and a scam presentation by Oxnard PD is planned for all senior centers. He reviewed past

events, including a Senior Prom and a 100th birthday presentation. Upcoming events include a Senior Fashion Show, July 21, at Wilson Senior Center and an arts and crafts boutique on July 28 at Palm Vista. The End of Summer BBQ will take place on 9/25.

Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported a Bone Builders refresher training was held July 14. There are new instructor trainings for both Bone Builders and Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance in September. TCMBB celebrated instructors' service in June. TCMBB instructors provided a demo at the Ed Hunt Rehab Point Project event. Walk with Ease is scheduled to launch in August.

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 reported nominations for Legacy Awards are still open.
ACTION: Report was received.
3. SUBJECT: 2023 Commission Goals Subcommittee Reports
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and discuss subcommittee reports on Commission goals.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed progress on the 2023 goals and related action plans. Commissioners Nevitt and Owens have selected several current programs to evaluate. Commissioner Nevitt made initial recommendations for monthly health topics. Chair Sweetland reported she has been scouting locations for the walking program.
ACTION: Report was received.
4. SUBJECT: Senior Services Partner Agency Grants
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and approve a memo advising the Oxnard City Council to bring back the Partner Agency Grants for local Senior Services Agencies.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed a letter requesting the Partner Agency Grant program be reinstated for senior-serving agencies within Oxnard.
ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery moved to approve; Commissioner Owens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. SUBJECT: Nomination of two representatives to the VCAAA Advisory Council
RECOMMENDATION: Discuss and recommend two representatives to the VCAAA Advisory Council whom the Oxnard City Council might appoint.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the importance of representation on the VCAAA Advisory Council.

ACTION: Commissioner Nevitt moved to have Commissioners Sweetland and Owens continue their positions on the advisory council. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Vote unanimously passed.

6. SUBJECT: Cancellation of August meeting

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission cancel its meeting scheduled for August 8, 2023.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery moved, Commissioner Owens seconded going dark in August. Vote unanimously passed.

E. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The County Fall Prevention Forum is slated for September 29. Golden Futures Senior Expo will be taking place at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center on July 27. RSVP and Senior Nutrition grants were approved for funding. LGBT Aging Coalition is starting to do presentations around Ventura County. Oxnard staff will receive that training.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

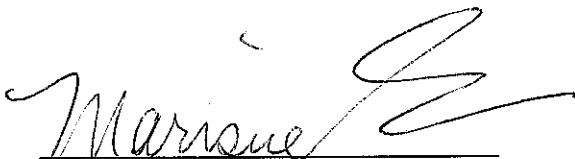
Chair Sweetland inquired about closure of the computer room at Wilson Senior Center. Commissioner Nevitt recognized Matt O'Neill for representing the City of Oxnard at the Ed Hunt Rehab Point event.

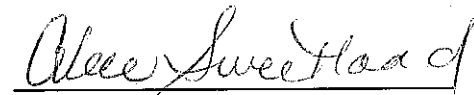
G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Items for future agendas are updates on the Wilson computer room, ORCAS and reinstatement of Partner Agency Grants.

H. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:01 a.m, Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Montgomery seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson