

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
10/10/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sweetland called for a vote to allow Commissioner Gloria Massey-Chinea to attend the meeting virtually. Commissioner Owens moved for the emergency action, seconded by Commissioner Calderon. Passed unanimously.

At 9:01 a.m., a regular meeting was convened in the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C Street, Oxnard.

Commissioners present: Linda Calderon, Gloria Massey-Chinea (virtual), LaRita Montgomery, Naomi Ontiveros, Clark Owens, Alice Sweetland

Commissioners absent: Jeffrey Nevitt

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

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Ontiveros moved approval of the minutes; Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Commissioner Owens abstained. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Sweetland congratulated Commissioner Montgomery on being named Volunteer of the Year by the Oxnard Community Relations Commission.

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 1,910 home delivered meals and 1,842 congregate meals were served in September. He reported a successful Mexican Independence Day celebration with 130 seniors attending and over 300 seniors registered for VCAA's Fall Prevention Forum on September 29. OSP/Seniors Trunk or Treat celebration will take place on 10/27 in the Wilson Center parking lot. He discussed excursions and upcoming events, including a

senior gathering at the Dia de los Muertos altar on 11/3 and Thanksgiving celebration on 11/21.

Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported eight new RSVP Bone Builders instructors were trained and there are refresher trainings planned for both Bone Builders and TCMBB in October. Walk with RSVP received interest during the Fall Prevention forum. RSVP hosted a DEIA training for partner agencies on 10/5 at the Cal Lutheran Oxnard Campus. It covered common language, diversity within the area, as well as brainstorming on potential ways we can be inclusive.

ACTION: Reports were received.

2. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioner Sweetland on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Business

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland reported that the subcommittee for optimal aging is meeting today (10/10) to discuss Legacy Award winners.

ACTION: Report was received.

3. SUBJECT: Senior Services Partner Agency Grants

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and discuss request to bring back Partner Agency Grants for local Senior Services Agencies..

DISCUSSION: Marisue Eastlake reported the request letter for resuming the Partner Agency Grants was sent to the City Manager and we should have a response by next month.

ACTION: Report was received.

4. SUBJECT: Update on Wilson Senior Center Computer Room Temporary Closure

RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and file the report on the temporary closure of the Wilson Senior Center Computer Room.

DISCUSSION: Marisue Eastlake reported the room has been reopened and business as usual has resumed.

ACTION: Report was received.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Reports on 2023 Commission Goals

RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss ad-hoc committee reports on carrying out commission goals.

DISCUSSION: Senior Services Programming Surveys have been finalized, they need to be translated and then distributed to each center. Gloria Massey-Chinea offered to assist in reviewing the translation of the survey. Discussions regarding the tech literacy initiative will be on hold until Commissioner Massey-Chinea is back in-person.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Marisue Eastlake reported Commissioner Nevitt has decided not to continue on the Commission. Roofs on three Wilson Park buildings - the senior center, Senior Services Administrative Building and the Arts Building - are being replaced this month. The first LGBT Aging Coalition dance took place at the Wilson Center with over 60 seniors attending. She distributed a Seniors in Motion brochure and shared information on how the senior centers are each hosting public sessions for making tissue flowers for the large Dia de los Muertos altar at Carnegie in November.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

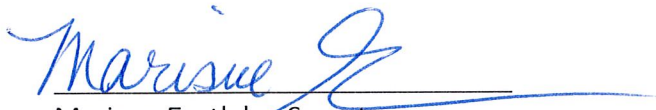
Commissioner Ontiveros requested senior centers provide bottled water for seniors and shared VCAAA distributes public transportation passes for seniors. Commissioner Owens suggested distribution of a center survey seeking input on wishlist equipment and supplies and called attention to VCAAA's Live Well magazine.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Massey-Chinea would like to discuss the Senior Planet technology program.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 a.m., Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Montgomery seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.



Marisue Eastlake, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson