

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
11/14/23

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:05am 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 , LaRita Montgomery, Alice Sweetland

Commissioners absent: Jeffrey Nevitt, Clark Owens, and Naomi Ontiveros

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 October 10, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve.
ACTION: Commissioner Calderon moved for approval of the minutes;
Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion carried.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Report by Staff on Senior Services Programs and Events
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.
DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Jorge Cruz reported 2,020 home delivered meals and 1,856 congregate meals were served in October. Discussed Trunk-or-Treat event. Día De Los Muertos altar featured senior entertainment. Senior Thanksgiving celebration slated for November 21. Flight 126 Out-to-Lunch excursion was a success. Upcoming excursion on November 16 to Downtown Disney, 18 seniors pre-registered. Tamale Festival with holiday parade on December 2. Senior Holiday Celebration on December 15 at South Oxnard Center. Thurgood Marshall students will make holiday cards for home delivered meal program.

Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported hosting a refresher training for current RSVP Bone Builders instructors and Tai Chi: Moving For Better Balance Instructors in October. RSVP Bone Builders has a holiday appreciation planned for December 5, TCMBB holiday celebration slated for February 9, 2024. Walk with RSVP will have its first class begin, hopefully, by the end of the year. Honored two of our center volunteers who had passed this year at the Dia De Los Muertos Altar.

ACTION: Reports were received.

2. SUBJECT: Report by Commissioner Sweetland and Commissioner Owens on Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) Advisory Committee Business
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Owens has not been able to attend VCAAA meetings. Chair Sweetland presented VCAAA Legacy award winners, which honors folks who dedicate their time and efforts to serve older adults.

ACTION: Report was received.

3. SUBJECT: Report on Bringing Back the Senior Services Partner Agency Grants
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report on their request to bring back the Partner Agency Grants for local Senior Services Agency

DISCUSSION: Marisue Eastlake reported that Partner Agency Grant project will be voted on by the City Council, but without support from the CCS department/City Manager.

ACTION: Report was received.

4. SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee Assignments
RECOMMENDATION: That the newest Senior Services Commissioners discuss and choose a 2023 Commission Goals Ad-Hoc Committee on which to serve.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Calderon would like to serve with commissioner Montgomery on the monthly health initiatives.

ACTION: Report was received.

5. SUBJECT: Cancellation of December meeting
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission cancel its meeting scheduled for December 12, 2023.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Montgomery moved to cancel the December meeting, Commissioner Massey-Chinea seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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: Walking program is getting started, Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Massey-Chinea are willing to lead groups to get the program started. Nothing to report regarding monthly health initiatives. Program surveys have been finalized in English and Spanish, Jorge Cruz and Matt O'Neill will work on ways to disseminate the surveys both virtually and by paper copies. Technology advancement initiative committee has not met yet. Commissioner Massey-Chinea has looked into Senior Planet and likes the platform.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Marisue Eastlake reports that Eva Barraza has been offered a full time position within senior services. Front counter at the Wilson Center has been removed, it will be transformed into a sitting area. ARPA funding will be used to purchase a new senior nutrition van. Working on having Santa float pass by senior and assisted living facilities. Roofs for the Senior Services building, Wilson Center, and Wilson Arts building have been replaced. Commissioners should review email from Samantha regarding changes in by-laws for committees.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Sweetland would like to hold future commission meetings at other Oxnard Senior Centers. Commissioner Massey Chinae would like an inventory on senior centers capable of hosting technology classes.

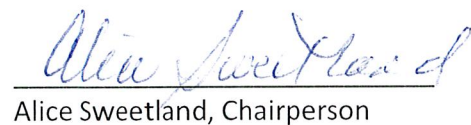
H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Chair Sweetland would like to keep senior partner agency grants on the agenda.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m Commissioner Massey-Chinea moved and Commissioner Calderon seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson