

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
1/9/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:07 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 Chinae , LaRita Montgomery, Alice Sweetland, Naomi Ontiveros, Clark Owens

Commissioners absent: none

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 November 14, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

ACTION: Commissioner Massey Chinae moved for approval of the minutes; Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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 2,420 home delivered meals and 1,665 congregate meals were served in November while 1,895 home delivered meals and 1,613 congregate meals were served in December. 140 seniors attended the Senior Holiday Celebration. Holiday activities included: Oxnard police officers hosted a special Colonia Senior Center breakfast, providing seniors with a meal and gifts; Palm Vista offered free gift wrapping; a collaboration between Colonia Library, Colonia Senior Center, and Oxnard Housing supported La Posada event; senior participants and commissioners participated in the Christmas Parade; SOC held a tamale-making class; and a senior excursion went to Sinatra and Friends. Upcoming: Cafe Nouveau excursion on January 11 and Getty Villa excursion on January 19. We are hosting a Senior Scam Stopper Seminar with Assemblymember Steve Bennet on January 26.

Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported hosting the annual RSVP Bone Builders holiday party. New Bone Builders Master Trainers are being developed and trained. A TCMBB volunteer recognition is slated for February 8 with new instructor training scheduled for February or March. Walk with RSVP begins its first session this month.

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 Sweetland reviewed general Advisory Council activities. Legacy awards were presented at the last meeting.
ACTION: Report was received.
3. 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 was added to the Technology and Monthly Health ad hoc committees in the November meeting. Commissioner Ontiveros would like to be added to the Programming Survey ad hoc committee.
ACTION: Report was received.
4. SUBJECT: Appointment of Two Commissioners to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners recommend to Council two commissioners to sit on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Owens currently serve and are willing to continue their service if no other commissioners are willing.
ACTION: Commissioner Montgomery moved to re-appoint Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Owens to continue representing Oxnard on the VCAAA Advisory council. Commissioner Massey Chinae seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. SUBJECT: 2024 Senior Services Commission Meeting Calendar
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners review and approve the 2024 Commission meeting calendar.
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland would like to visit centers for some 2024 meetings. She asked to move the March meeting to SOC and September to Colonia. All other meetings remain at the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse.
ACTION: Commissioner Owens moved to approve the calendar with noted changes, Commissioner Massey Chinae seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
6. SUBJECT: Election of Officers for the Senior Services Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commissioners discuss and elect 2024 officers.

DISCUSSION: Nominations are open for Chair and Vice Chair of the commission.

ACTION: Commissioner Massey China moved to nominate Alice Sweetland as Chair and LaRita Montgomery as Vice Chair. Commissioner Calderon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Reports on 2024 Commission Goals

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

DISCUSSION: Matt O'Neill reported the program evaluation surveys are completed. They can be accessed via QR code, but printed surveys will be provided for each center as needed. Commissioner Massey China gave a presentation on Senior Planet and the OATS program, which provides free technology training for seniors.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Marisue Eastlake reported a Senior Nutrition van for transporting home-delivered meals should arrive soon. SOC flooded during the storms in December; sandbags are now in place to avoid future flooding. Seniors in Motion added two new activities: yoga and "Coffee with a Conversation."

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

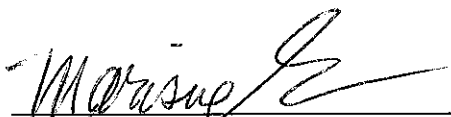
Commissioner Calderon suggested SOC sidewalks should be more accessible and easier to navigate for older or disabled patrons. She inquired about providing food or meal services at SOC. Chair Sweetland discussed adding tray favors to the Oxnard meal program and shared information on a program that brings dogs to senior centers.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Agendize continuing ad hoc committee goals from 2023 into 2024. Change title of the walking program to Walk with RSVP for future items. Additional signage for the Wilson Senior Center and better accessibility to centers.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson