

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
2/13/24

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, Alice Sweetland, Naomi Ontiveros, Clark Owens

Commissioners absent: LaRita Montgomery

Staff members present: Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator; Matthew O'Neill, Recreation Coordinator; Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor.

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Recognition of Oxnard Police Officers for the special holiday event they organized at the Colonia Senior Center.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission recognize Oxnard Police Officers for their support of the Colonia Senior Center, and their organization of special activities during the holiday season.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Sergeants Mike Wood and Andrew Pinkstaff accepted certificates, thanking officers for their efforts in putting on a holiday celebration breakfast and gift giveaway for Colonia seniors.

2. SUBJECT: Recognition of Jeff Nevitt for years of Senior Services Commission service.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission recognize and thank Jeff Nevitt for his service to the community.

DISCUSSION: None.

ACTION: Chairperson Sweetland presented Jeff Nevitt a certificate recognizing his contributions to the Senior Services Commission.

3. 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: A survey will be provided via email for feedback on transportation services throughout the county. VCAAA will hold a public hearing on March 13 regarding its strategic plan.
ACTION: Report was received.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Signage and Entrances at Oxnard Senior Centers
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission discuss signage and ingress/egress to Oxnard senior centers.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the need for better accessibility to the senior centers, including handicap parking spaces, curb cuts and signage.
ACTION: Add accessibility initiative to 2024 senior goals
2. SUBJECT: Adoption of 2024 Goals
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission discuss continuing focus on 2023 Commission Goals and approve 2024 Commission Goals.
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland proposed to remove the walking program from goals, continue with the remaining three 2023 goals, which are bringing technology education to centers, evaluating center programming and developing monthly health presentations, and adopt a new senior center signage and accessibility initiative. After discussion, an action plan was developed for the accessibility initiative with Commissioner Calderon and Chair Sweetland serving on the ad-hoc committee.
ACTION: Commissioner Massey China moved to continue focus on three remaining 2023 goals and add the new senior center accessibility initiative as the Commission's 2024 goals and have Commissioners Calderon and Sweetland serve on the ad hoc committee; Commissioner Calderon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. SUBJECT: New Senior Center
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission review progress on building a new senior center and ORCAS activities.
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Owens reports ORCAS is unable to move forward with the project for an unknown amount of time due to litigation against the City of Oxnard. The ORCAS nonprofit will fold, and its checking account, board insurance and website will be closed.
ACTION: Report was received.

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Reports on 2024 Commission Goals
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss ad-hoc committee reports on completing Commission goals.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Massey China provided an update on the technology initiative. Evaluation survey is finalized and will be distributed this month. Commissioner Calderon dropped off the technology ad-hoc committee.
ACTION: Report was received.

G. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

1. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Supervisor Marisue Eastlake reported on changes to the Commission agenda format. She shared that a new SNP cargo van was purchased. The RSVP grant was returned for a minor change. Recreation Coordinator Jorge Cruz reported 2,300 home delivered meals and 1,661 congregate meals were served in January. He shared about recent programming, including a Scam Stoppers Seminar, AARP tax preparations, outdoor painting class and a recent excursion. Each center will hold a Valentine's Day celebration and distribute cards made by Rio Mesa High School students and City Corps. Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported on a Bone Builders Master Training. Six new trainees will observe classes and get hands-on training at an upcoming New Instructor training. Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance held a Lunar New Year Celebration. It will hold a four-day instructor training this spring.
ACTION: Report was received.

2. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Events

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and file the report.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Jorge Cruz reported all senior centers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on 3/15.
ACTION: Report was received.

H. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

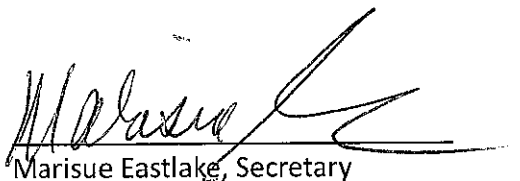
Commissioner Calderon reported the city is holding hearings on water rate changes, but they are at night when seniors do not like to drive. She further stated Oxnard should have a Neuroboxing program.

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Partner Agency grants update.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:24 a.m. Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Massey China seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson