

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
3/12/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:06 a.m., a regular meeting was convened at the South Oxnard Center, 200 E. Bard Rd. Oxnard, CA.

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; 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 February 13, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation by Mercy House on services available to senior residents in Oxnard

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

DISCUSSION: Anna Varela delivered a presentation regarding Mercy House properties in Ventura and Oxnard.

ACTION: Report received.

2. SUBJECT: Report from Staff on Senior Services Programs and events

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

DISCUSSION: Recreation Coordinator Jorge Cruz reported 2,035 home-delivered meals and 1,773 congregate meals were served in February. AARP tax preparations this month at SOC through April. New art class at SOC. Master Gardener presentation planned for senior gardeners. Excursions continue to be full, with upcoming ones to Universal City Walk and Land and Sea Santa Barbara Centers. Centers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Senior Legends Games

will return in May. Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported Bone Builders new instructor training was a success with 4 new instructors trained. All 6 new master trainers were present. New Master Trainers will be announced at an upcoming In-service. TCMBB program is looking into potential new locations in Oxnard and Ventura. TCMBB new instructor training slated for spring. Walk with RSVP recruitment efforts continue.

ACTION: Report Received.

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: No news to report. Meeting taking place tomorrow, March 13.

ACTION: Report was received.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Technology Education Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Technology Education Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.
DISCUSSION: Organized a meeting with a representative from Senior Planet to review questions/concerns. Contract has been submitted to the City Attorney for review.
ACTION: Report was received.
2. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Senior Center Program Evaluation Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Senior Center Program Evaluation Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.
DISCUSSION: Survey has begun to be distributed to centers for programming. Results are being compiled.
ACTION: Report was received.
3. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Monthly Health Presentation Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Monthly Health Presentation Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.
DISCUSSION: Rec Coordinator Cruz and Commissioner Calderon met and put together a list of health topics. Monthly Health topics will begin in April with Stress Awareness. May is Mental Health Awareness. June will be Alzheimer's Brain Awareness. No topic for July, potentially UV Safety Month. August will be National Financial Awareness Day. September is National Cholesterol Awareness. October is Breast Cancer Awareness. November will be National Diabetes Month. December will be National Influenza week.
ACTION: Report was received.
4. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Center Signage and Accessibility Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Center Signage and Accessibility Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.

DISCUSSION: Lack of adequate handicapped parking and uneven sidewalks are a problem for entering and exiting senior centers. Chair Sweetland distributed survey findings for each center. Signage at each center needs to be placed out front each morning. Would like signage for Wilson Senior Center that's visible from the street. Committee also felt the lack of janitorial services for the senior centers was problematic.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Pam Morrison reports Marisue Eastlake is out of the office and will touch base with Marisue upon her return about potential steps that can be taken about center signage and accessibility goals.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

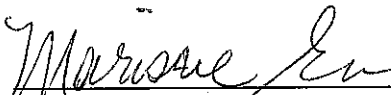
Commissioner Massey-Chinea would like a definitive answer on the Technology program.

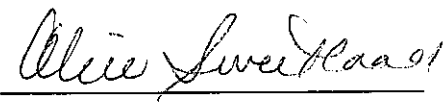
H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Discuss center signage and accessibility report and potential action plan. Chair Sweetland would like to hear from Gold Coast about transportation updates.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:18 a.m Commissioner Owens moved and Commissioner Calderon seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson