

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
4/9/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:06 a.m., a regular meeting was convened at the Oxnard Joslyn Lawn Bowls Clubhouse, 350 N. C St. Oxnard, CA.

Commissioners present: Linda Calderon, Gloria Massey Chinae, Alice Sweetland, Naomi Ontiveros

Commissioners absent: Clark Owens, LaRita Montgomery

Staff members present: Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; 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 March 12, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve.

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Comments.

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation by Angie Archer, with Caregivers, on services available to senior residents in Oxnard.

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

DISCUSSION: Building Bridges program focuses on connecting older adults and high school students. Students provide light services for the seniors.

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 1,975 home delivered meals and 1,820 congregate meals were served in March. Master Gardener Spring Planting Tips had a good audience attend. "Las Rosie", a Rosie the Riveter documentary, was screened at Colonia with seniors and youth watching and discussing the film. Planned Palm Vista activities include an excursion to the Port of Hueneme and a "Beauty Day" with free haircuts and styling. All senior centers

will participate in World Art Day on April 15. AARP Tax Preparations are coming to an end. Upcoming excursions include a Land and Sea Tour of Santa Barbara and a trip to Solvang. SIM will hold a Tea Party for their participants. Senior Legends Games start in May, ending with a Senior Ball on May 31. Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill reported Bone Builders Master Trainers have officially finished their orientation and will now select their dates to conduct their first New Instructor Trainings, with trainings in May, August, and November. Walk with RSVP held a New Instructor training on March 28, adding one new instructor. They will begin a walking group at Olol'koy Beach Park. The RSVP Volunteer Luncheon will be held on April 25, honoring the RSVP volunteers who have contributed significantly to the program this past year. RSVP volunteers accumulated over 45,000 volunteer hours valued at over \$1.6 million.

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: Commissioner Sweetland discussed a countywide art program initiative that focuses on older adult artists. Art will be displayed at the County Government Center, concluding with an art show on May 14.

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: Talks between Oxnard and Senior Planet regarding the contract for OATS are ongoing. 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: Surveys have been distributed and data has been collected on current programs. 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: Mental health is the focus for May. Commissioner Calderon reached out to VCAAA to see if there are any resources or speakers available to present at senior centers. 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: Chair Sweetland will reach out to Michael Wolfe with Public Works to discuss next steps.
ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Appointment of a new commissioner will be discussed by the City Council. Commissioners will present their annual report to City Council on May 7. Waterbottle filling stations have been purchased and will be installed in Colonia and Wilson centers. Jorge has reached out to the Ventura chapter of Pet Friendly and has not heard back. The purchase of two new pool tables is planned for the Wilson Center. Changes to VCAAA funding may impact the Senior Nutrition Program. Recreation Coordinator Matt O'Neill has been promoted to Supervisor, overseeing the City Corps program. Will remain involved with RSVP until ready to transition to new role.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

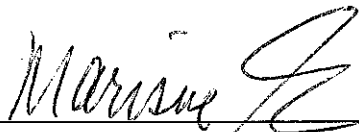
Commissioner Calderon wants to continue efforts to provide South Oxnard Center with meal services. Commissioner Massey China requested an update on partner agency grants.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Partner agency grants update.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:38 a.m Commissioner Massey China moved and Commissioner Ontiveros seconded adjournment. The motion passed unanimously.



Marisue Eastlake, Secretary



Alice Sweetland, Chairperson