

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
9/10/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:00 a.m., a regular meeting was convened at the Colonia Gymnasium, 195 N. Marquita Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

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

Commissioners absent: Clark Owens, LaRita Montgomery

Staff members present: Marisue Eastlake, Recreation Supervisor; Jorge Cruz, Recreation Coordinator; Robert Dennis, Recreation Coordinator; and Pam Morrison, Recreation Manager.

Chairperson Alice Sweetland presided and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Minutes dated wrong. Change to July 16, 2024.

ACTION: Commissioner Calderon moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Ontiveros seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from Donny Akin (candidate for United Water Conservation District); Rachel Jones (candidate for United Water Conservation District); Luly Lopez (Oxnard City Clerk candidate); Steve Nash (United Water Conservation District candidate); and Bert Perello (endorsed United Water candidates in attendance).

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. 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: Chair Sweetland shared information on a large senior expo coming in December which will include a VCAAA Workforce Initiative. The Legacy Awards will be announced soon.

Commissioner Massey Chinae arrived at 9:28 a.m.

E. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Technology Education Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Technology Education Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.
Members: Commissioners Massey Chinae and Chair Sweetland

DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland reported she had completed the Senior Planet training. Supervisor Eastlake shared she was working on a contract with a new agency, Cyber Seniors, which Chair Sweetland was familiar with and enthusiastic about. Commission Massey China highlighted the need for updated technology to use in the classes.

ACTION: Report was received.

2. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Senior Center Program Evaluation Goal

RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Senior Center Program Evaluation Goal Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioners: Ontiveros and Owens

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ontiveros requested information on the status of the evaluation report.

ACTION: Report was received.

3. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Monthly Health Presentation Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Monthly Health Presentation Goal Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioners: Calderon and Montgomery.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Calderon reported there were presentations in August for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and September is Dementia Awareness Month. Commissioners discussed including a focus on dementia and Alzheimer's awareness in the coming year goals.

ACTION: Report was received.

4. SUBJECT: Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Center Signage and Accessibility Goal
RECOMMENDATION: That the Senior Services Commission receive and discuss a report from the Center Signage and Accessibility Goal Ad-Hoc Committee. Commissioners: Calderon and Postel and Chair Sweetland.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Calderon reported the ad-hoc committee met on August 16 to review signage at Wilson Center. There was discussion about the information to include on a location sign. Chair Sweetland suggested the sign be similar to the Lawn Bowls one.

ACTION: Report was received.

F. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

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 shared that 2,075 home delivered meals and 1,710 congregate meals were served in July while 1,755 home delivered meals and 1,636 congregate meals were served in August. Staff distributed 150 coupon books at the Farmers Market. He reported on the End-Of-Summer BBQ and Wellness Fair, attended by about 200 seniors, and other events including an excursion and crafts boutique. Commissioners were reminded

of the upcoming Mexican Independence Day Celebration as well as a rummage sale and the October Trunk or Treat event.

Supervisor Eastlake asked if Commissioners would like to take part in the Christmas Parade - Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Massey Chinae will participate and Commissioner Massey Chinae has a contact for a vehicle to use. Eastlake further reported on RSVP activities including nine new TCMBB and six new Bone Builders instructors were trained in August, allowing the programs to hopefully expand as these instructors are certified. The RSVP grant, due in September, is a nationally competitive grant this year with no proscribed geographic, volunteer or funding limits.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

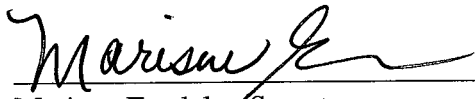
Commissioner Calderon noted the ukulele practice sessions are not included in the Senior Services calendar. Chair Sweetland shared the Colonia Center dumpster situation had been rectified due to the intervention of Councilmember Perello. Commissioner Massey Chinae suggested considering a 2025 Commission goal to create a resource list of senior housing.

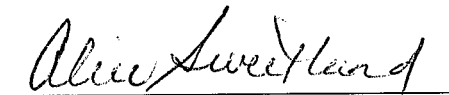
H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Naomi Ontiveros suggested having a presentation on new low-income senior housing.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:51 a.m., Commissioner Alice Sweetland made a motion to adjourn, which was moved by Commissioner Postel and seconded by Commissioner Massey Chinae. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson