

MINUTES
Senior Services Commission
10/8/24

A. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 9:05 a.m., a regular meeting was convened at the Oxnard Lawn Bowling Club, 350 North C Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

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

Commissioners absent: LaRita Montgomery, Clark Owens

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 at 9:05 am.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

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

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were received from Lynn Maulhardt (United Water Commission District 4) and Jennifer Hollowell (Caregivers Volunteers Assisting the Elderly).

D. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation by Gina Cosio, regional director, Braille Institute of America on service available to senior residents in Oxnard.

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

DISCUSSION: Ms. Cosio rescheduled the presentation to November.

2. SUBJECT: Report by Chair 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 discussed the September 25 advisory council meeting in which Melissa Livingston (VC Human Services Agency Director) and Elaine Martinez (VCHSA Deputy Director) introduced themselves. Chair Sweetland shared that VCAAA will no longer host a job fair as part of the Golden Futures Expo in December.

ACTION: Report was received.

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 China and Chair Sweetland
DISCUSSION: Chair Sweetland and Commissioner Massy-China discussed CyberSeniors, a potential new technology training provider.
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 Technology Education Goal Ad-Hoc Committee.
Members: Commissioners Ontiveros and Owens
DISCUSSION: Commissioner Ontiveros noted there has been no information received by the committee.
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 discussed the upcoming monthly presentation on senior health.
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, Postel and Chair Sweetland.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners shared they had met and had a successful meeting. Marisue Eastlake presented two signage options to the Commission. She noted that one option for signage might also cover other centers. Commissioners discussed potential information to include on the signs.
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 1,880 home-delivered meals and 1,317 congregate meals were served in September. Commissioners were reminded of upcoming events: OPAC concerts, Seniors/OSP Trunk or Treat, Filipino Heritage Month, flu vaccination clinics as well as seniors activities around the Dia De los Muertos altar.

Recreation Coordinator Robert Dennis shared the conclusion of winter TCMBB classes and the drafting of the spring 2025 class schedule. He shared information about the upcoming TCCMBB Instructor Appreciation Event and a refresher training.

Recreation Supervisor Marisue Eastlake shared that the RSVP grant application was submitted for the coming year. It is a competitive grant this time and includes new components. New equipment, including a freezer and two convection ovens, were received at Wilson thanks to a Senior Nutrition Program infrastructure grant. She discussed use of ARPA funds, including new floors and blinds at Wilson Senior Center, as well as lobby furnishings. She further shared recent repairs done at Wilson Park to help with accessibility.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ontiveros suggested having a presentation on new low-income senior housing and noted the need for exterior seating at Colonia for those awaiting rides. Commissioner Postel requested a report on the proposed accessible playground and fencing of Wilson Park and recognized the success of the September 16 Mexican Independence Day Celebration at Colonia Senior Center. Commissioner Postel and Chair Sweetland noted the success of the new Senior in Motion brochure.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners requested information on whether they could all attend the 100th birthday presentations or if there had to be less than a quorum in attendance.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:12 a.m., Commissioner Postel moved to adjourn and Commissioner Massey-Chinea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


Marisue Eastlake, Secretary


Alice Sweetland, Chairperson