

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

February 16, 2012
9 a.m.

LAKEVIEW SENIOR CENTER
20 LAKE ROAD
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council was called to order on February 16, 2012, 9:02 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	SAM CASTELO
COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chair Wong

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

The following individuals were recognized for their volunteer services at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers:

- NEDA – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor
 - a. Shahla Esfandiari
 - b. Korshid Reisi
 - c. Mariam Walizada
- Randy Rand – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

2. ICTV – Tom MacDuff, Senior Media Services Coordinator

Senior Media Services Coordinator MacDuff presented the Senior Citizens Council an informational PowerPoint presentation regarding ICTV and the City's media services. Mr. MacDuff responded to the Council's questions regarding how to submit stories and activities/information to ICTV and answered other media related questions. The main goal of ICTV is to promote public safety.

3. 2011 Irvine Global Village Festival – Mya Sanders, Superintendent

Superintendent Sanders presented a PowerPoint presentation recap of the participatory statistics from the 2011 Irvine Global Village Festival. The 2012 Irvine Global Village Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the first planning meeting is scheduled in April and the website will open in May 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jan Owens, 35th Senatorial District's 2011 Volunteer of the Year – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Senator Tom Harmon's office has commended and recognized Jan Owens as the 35th Senatorial District's 2011 Volunteer of the Year.

- Senior Services Strategic Plan Update – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll provided an update on the status of the Senior Services Strategic Plan and stated briefings with City Councilmembers will be scheduled to help staff answer Council questions. A presentation of the Plan will be presented to the Community Services Commission followed by a presentation to the City Council.

- Village Project Update – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger presented an update on the Village Project which is a project that provides services and activities to support independent living. A copy of the survey that was distributed at the community meetings held at Lakeview Senior Center on January 25 at 10 a.m. and January 26 at 3 p.m. was given to the Council for their information.

- Volunteer Wall of Recognition Project Update – Greta Jacobs, Councilmember

Supervisor Kaleikini stated he has been working with Chair Wong and staff to finalize pictures that will be displayed on a flat screen television in the entry area of the senior centers.

- Gold Card Program – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini distributed a draft flyer of the Gold Card program and received input from Senior Councilmembers.

- Nowruz Event – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the Nowruz community luncheon event will be held at Lakeview Senior Center on Friday, March 23 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and will include a catered lunch, fashion show, Persian dancing and a drum show.

- Memorial Tree Update – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the plaque has been ordered for the Homer and Betty memorial tree. After some discussion it was suggested the Donation Committee may want to review the current donation policy. Staff will work with the Guimond family to coordinate a small dedication ceremony.

- Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Duehr presented updates on Senior Services programs.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Vice Chair Pfeiffer read a letter from Joanne Varney thanking the Senior Citizens Council for her Distinguished Service Award.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Susan Sayer spoke on behalf of the Village Project.
2. Natalie Chaikin asked how one can submit a name change for the senior centers.
3. Sarah Smith spoke in support of not changing the names of the senior centers and inquired about Gold Card incentives for the nutrition program.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:46 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 11:02 a.m.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups****A. Irvine Adult Day Health Care – Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director**

Director Beeson reported the following information:

- The Medi-Cal portion of the program is ending February 29, 2012 with the new Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) program going into effect March 1, 2012;
- 100 percent of the Irvine Adult Day Health Care clients meet the eligibility criteria to continue receiving services;
- The state is predicting about 50 percent of people will not meet the new requirements;
- The daily reimbursement for someone on Medi-Cal will eventually be reduced;
- Effective July 1, 2012 the entire system will be transferred to Cal Optima instead of the state to determine client eligibility;
- Need volunteers to help with the day-to-day programs at the Center; and
- A Brain Fitness demonstration will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 9 a.m.

B. AARP

Supervisor Kaleikini stated he has been in communication with AARP boardmembers and the general feeling is to disband Chapter 1489. He will notify the Senior Citizens Council once a final decision has been made.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – Clara Lin, President

In President Lin's absence, Chair Wong stated the recently held Chinese celebration hosted a sold out luncheon and performance.

D. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, Chair

Chair Yousef noted the following:

- Irvine Multicultural Association election was held and Maria was elected Chair and Nancy Cheng was elected Co-Chair;
- The next Irvine Multicultural Association Program Exploring Our World Series will explore the life, culture and food of Thailand on Wednesday, March 7 from 5-7 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. Tickets for this program are \$2 for Gold Card members, and \$3 for non-Gold Card members.

E. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens reported the following:

- The first portion of the Cox Grant in the amount of \$1,250 was donated to Senior Services;
- A community swap meet will be held on Saturday, March 10 – Chair Yousef will have a table set up if anyone is interested in donating items or joining the swap meet;
- On May 11, a Cookie Lee fundraiser will be held at Lakeview Senior Center;
- Councilmember Pfeiffer accepted the Vice President appointment to Friends of Outreach;
- Currently holding a membership drive;
- The Jan/Feb Newsletter covered the year in review of Friends of Outreach; and
- A recent bingo marathon raised \$700.

F. Irvine Senior Travelers – Joyce Duff, President

Representative Natalie Chaikin reported the following information:

- Irvine Senior Travelers is a non-profit organization and donates to the Irvine senior centers – recently donated patio furniture to Rancho Senior Center;
- Approximately 150 individuals attended the travel show at Lakeview Senior Center;

- The Irvine Senior Travelers is offering a nine-day excursion to Cuba August 19; and
- The following officers were elected:
 - President: Linda Lako
 - Vice President: Linn Morgan
 - Treasurer: Barbara Webster
 - Secretary: Deanne Parker

G. Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy – Charlie Choi, Member

Chair Wong reported on behalf of Member Choi that the Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy is offering computer classes for adults at various offsite locations.

H. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors – Massy Alavi, Member

NEDA Secretary Mayash Goodarzi stated the Nowruz event will be held on Thursday, March 15 from 5 – 9 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

I. Leadership Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer

The next Leadership Committee will be Thursday, April 12.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Housing / Transportation – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Castelo and Jacobs

Councilmember Jacobs attended the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Transportation Committee meeting and stated the Orange County Transportation Authority presented an informational PowerPoint presentation and stated they are in the planning process to schedule trainings on how to access various modes of transportation.

Councilmember Castelo stated the Irvine Company is opening new apartments named The Village which will open in staged phases.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council –
Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, February 10, at the Cypress Community Center:

- The Orange County Housing Authority is opening its wait list for rental assistance. The Office on Aging can provide a list of locations throughout Orange County where applications can be picked up. Online applications can be accessed at www.ochousing.org;
- The Central County Senior Expo will take place on Saturday, May 12 at the Crystal Cathedral from 8 a.m. – noon; and
- The fifth annual South County Senior Summit will take place on Friday, March 23 at clubhouse #3 in Laguna Woods Village from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

C. Health and Nutrition –Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Councilmember Quader stated Registered Dietician Ana Hamada presented information on how food and nutrition affects our health.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer noted several members of the February 6 Legislative Committee were absent due to the fact that they were in Sacramento; and the Village Project concept was discussed at the February meeting.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Castelo and Jacobs

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the committee has been working to prioritize facility needs and approximately 30 items have been listed for review. Safety is the main concern of those items on

the list. Chair Wong suggested they visit other senior centers to see what has been done.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Vice Chair Pfeiffer stated the state survey went well and Meals on Wheels program has a waiting list.

C. Donor Committee – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Choi and Klein

Chair Wong stated the following donations were received in December:

Michael Keen	\$3,000
Friends of Outreach	\$2,500
Irvine Senior Travelers Club	\$2,000
Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association	\$2,000
Donations on behalf of Bhagwan Dass Goyal	\$1,006

OLD BUSINESS

Renaming of Senior Centers

Superintendent Driscoll stated there have not been any changes to date, but this item will be brought back to Senior Citizens Council for future discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

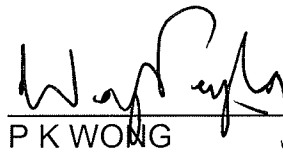
Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Pfeiffer, and seconded by Councilmember Jacobs to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on January 19, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY MEMBERS PRESENT.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 12 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012.



P K WONG
CHAIR



CHERYL HANSEN
RECORDING SECRETARY

Dated:

April 19, 2012