



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**March 15, 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 March 15, 2012, 9 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Vice Chair Pfeiffer.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	SAM CASTELO
COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER

ABSENT

CHAIR	PK WONG
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Castelo

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Castelo

In memory of Donna Grubbs, sister of Councilmember Klein

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

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

- Joe Lombardo – Lynne Conger, Supervisor
- Seyed Ali Alavi – Kathleen Pfeiffer, Councilmember
- Joyce Carey – Councilmember Jacobs and Lynne Conger, Supervisor

2. Irvine Adult Day Health Services – Kimberly Beeson, Director

Director Beeson presented an informational PowerPoint presentation regarding services offered by Irvine Adult Day Health Services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Brain Fitness Demonstration – Councilmember Pfeiffer

Councilmember Pfeiffer attended the brain fitness demonstration at Irvine Adult Day Health Services and encouraged others to attend a demonstration.

- Tour of Woodbridge Manor – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Senior Services is planning a tour of Woodbridge Manor. Supervisor Conger polled the Councilmembers to see if they would like to attend the tour on March 22 or March 26. Supervisor Conger will follow up with those who expressed an interest in attending the tour to confirm a tour date and time.

- Gold Card Program – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

The Gold Card program flier has been approved to distribute and market the Gold Card program. From January – March 2012 there were 187 new added members for a total membership of 404.

- Volunteer Recognition Event – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated invitations will be mailed soon for the annual Volunteer Recognition Event on April 27, 2012 from 3:30 – 6 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. The event theme this year is pirates.

- Rancho Facility Rehab Project – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and City Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding has been approved to implement facility upgrades to Rancho Senior Center. It was also noted that participation and attendance has increased at Rancho Senior Center. Staff will provide information on Rancho participation numbers at the next Senior Citizens Council meeting.

- Gazebo Construction Update and Dedication – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

The Jean Pond Gazebo Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Rose Garden at Lakeview Senior Center. An invitation to the dedication will be mailed to Senior Citizens Councilmembers.

- Senior Councilmember Highlights – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Supervisor Kaleikini will distribute a form for Senior Citizens Councilmembers to fill out in order to gather information on individual Councilmembers to be included in the “Highlights” section of the Senior Newsletter.

- Senior Services Strategic Plan – 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. Once the briefings are complete the plan will go to City Council in April or May.

Superintendent Driscoll also distributed an Irvine Community Television (ICTV) survey for Councilmembers to review and provide input to staff.

- Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented updates on Senior Services programs.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Vice Chair Pfeiffer stated Jan Owens sent a card to the Senior Council thanking them for the flowers and for recognizing her Volunteer of the Year award.

Vice Chair Pfeiffer raised the issue of disabled parking in the Lakeview Senior Center parking lot. She noted that the four closest parking spaces to the center are not designated disabled parking. Supervisor Kaleikini stated he would investigate the situation and explore options for relocating the current disabled parking spots.

Councilmember Quader thanked Ruby Young for assisting her with transportation needs.

Councilmember Klein raised the issue of possibly implementing a gift shop at Lakeview. This item will be agendaized for future discussion.

Councilmember Choi stated he is celebrating his birthday this month.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Susan Sayre spoke on behalf of the Village Project she visited in San Diego. She will be making a return visit on April 6 and encouraged people interested in going to contact Lynne Conger.
- Sarah Smith also spoke on behalf of the Village Project and the site visit to San Diego.

RECESS

Vice Chair Pfeiffer recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:26 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

- A. Irvine Adult Day Health Care – Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director

Director Beeson stated staff is ordering new chairs, dining room tables and replacement pieces for gym equipment and responded to questions regarding the center.

- B. AARP – To be determined

Supervisor Conger stated the AARP Chapter 1489 is moving toward a dissolution process.

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

No report.

- D. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, President

- E. President Yousef reported the Exploring Our World Series featuring Thailand on Wednesday, March 7 was well attended. The April 4 film will be *Coco Before Chanel*, and the May 2 film will feature the Netherlands.

- F. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

In President Owens absence, Maria Yousef reported Friends of Outreach raised \$110 at the community swap meet held on Saturday, March 10. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase special yarn to crochet caps for chemo patients. A Cookie Lee fundraiser will be held at Lakeview Senior Center on Friday, May 11; and a bingo marathon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31.

- G. Irvine Senior Travelers – Joyce Duff, President

Representative Natalie Chaikin reported that 26 people have signed up to take the excursion to Cuba on August 19. Another excursion is planned for Vancouver in July.

- H. Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy – Charlie Choi, Member

Member Choi reported the choir and line dancing activities are going well. He also raised the question of how to structure class/program costs. Supervisor Kaleikini stated he would be happy to meet with the club to help them formulate a fee structure for classes.

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

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the Nowruz New Year event will be held Friday, March 23 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

- J. Leadership Committee – Chair Wong, Vice Chair Pfeiffer, Member Jacobs

The next Leadership Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 12 from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. at Rancho Senior Center.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

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

Councilmember Jacobs attended the Transportation Committee meeting and distributed an information flier on TRIP.OC, a public service program of Community SeniorServ. TRIP.OC reimburses mileage to volunteer drivers who provide transportation to participants. Irvine Senior Services will be offering an Orange County Transportation Authority bus transportation training in the late spring or summer.

Councilmember Jacobs also distributed a Housing Development Update memo from Orange County Community Resources.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, March 9, at the Fountain Valley Senior Center:

- Due to the economy several cities have had to close its Meals on Wheels programs since funding is being cut;
- Cordless phones, amplified for the hearing impaired are being offered through the State of California Access program;
- The South County Senior Summit, hosted by Orange County Supervisor Patricia Bates, in conjunction with the Office on Aging, Agewell Senior Services and the Laguna Woods Village will take place on Friday, March 23 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Clubhouse 3 at 23822 Avenida Sevilla.

C. Health and Nutrition –Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Councilmember Quader stated Registered Dietician Anna Hamada presented an informational presentation to the Health and Nutrition Committee on the topic of "Nutrition."

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer stated several members of the Legislative Committee were in Sacramento and she distributed an AARP article regarding the conversion of old trailer parks into senior affordable housing. The next Legislative Committee meeting is March 19, 2012.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the Facilities Committee is working to prioritize proposed facility projects. Councilmember Jacobs stated she attended a tour of Oasis and the Tustin Senior Center.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Congregate donations have decreased. The committee is developing new flyers/table tents to raise awareness about the importance of donations; new silverware and cups are being purchased; and spring menus were discussed.

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

Supervisor Conger stated the Donor Committee is preparing to mail solicitation letters to local corporations. Two donors stated they are interested in participating with service projects in addition to providing monetary donations.

PENDING ITEMS (for future agendas)

- Facility Naming

No update.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Choi, and seconded by Councilmember Jacobs to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on February 16, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:50 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2012.


KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
VICE CHAIR

 Dated: April 19, 2012
CHERYL HANSEN
RECORDING SECRETARY