

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 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 January 19, 2012, 9 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Castelo.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER:	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER:	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER:	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER:	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
COUNCILMEMBER:	NAJMA QUADER
COUNCILMEMBER:	PK WONG
CHAIR:	SAM CASTELO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Pfeiffer

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Pfeiffer

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

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

- Richard Heramb
- NEDA Members
 - Mahvash Goodarzi
 - Mehri Javadzadeh
 - Farah Kavandi
- Billy Bettingham
- Tang-Ying Lee
- Joanne Varney

2. The Village Project – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger distributed information and presented an update on the Village Project which is a project that provides services and activities to support independent living. Community Senior Serv is the lead agency working with community partners, including Irvine, to plan and implement this project in Woodbridge. Two community meetings are scheduled to receive input on services and activities of interest for the Village Project. Community meetings will be held at Lakeview Senior Center on January 25 at 10 a.m. and January 26 at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tax Season

Supervisor Conger stated AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will provide free tax assistance to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes. The volunteers will be available at Lakeview Senior Center starting February 1 through April 11 to help seniors prepare their 2011 tax returns. Appointments can be scheduled through the Keen Center for Senior Resources.

- Consumer Credit Counseling

Supervisor Conger stated individuals seeking financial assistance can meet with representatives from the Credit Consumer Counseling Program on Mondays at Lakeview.

- Gold Card Program

Program Coordinator Gutfeld provided an update on the status of the Gold Card program including new member benefits which include priority registration for impacted classes. Program Coordinator Gutfeld also reported that additional member benefits are being considered.

- Front Lobby Project and Senior Council Photo Album

Superintendent Driscoll stated Councilmembers Wong, Jacobs and Pfeiffer are working with staff to prepare a video presentation to be displayed in the front lobbies of Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers recognizing program volunteers and collecting photos for the Senior Council photo album.

- National Charity League Donation

Supervisor Conger announced the National Charity League, Irvine Chapter, raised \$10,900 from its annual fashion show. Proceeds will be used to provide support to services for Meals on Wheels.

- Orange County Housing Authority Wait Lists Opening February 15-29

Supervisor Conger announced the Orange County Housing Authority will open a rental assistance wait list for Section 8 housing assistance for very low-income individuals, families, seniors and disabled in Orange County. The pre-applications for housing assistance will be open from February 15 through February 29, 2012. A flyer was distributed with more detailed information.

- Program Update – Pamela Duehr, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Duehr presented updates on Senior Services programs.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Choi stated the third annual Korean Festival, held January 14 was a success. The event had 35 vendors, raised \$75,000 with over 4,000 individuals in attendance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

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

No report.

- B. AARP – To be determined

No report.

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

Councilmember Wong provided an update in President Lin's absence. Saturday, January 21 is the Chinese New Year event which will include a performance, raffle, free lunch and lucky money. The event will begin at 10 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. A second luncheon for non-members will be held on Thursday, January 26 at Lakeview Senior Center.

D. Irvine Multicultural Association – Nancy Cheng, President

Councilmember Jacobs reported Maria Yousef has been elected Chair, and Fathi Yousef elected Vice Chair of the Irvine Multicultural Association. The February program will focus on Mongolia.

E. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens reported the following information:

- Friends of Outreach delivered 250 gift bags over the holidays;
- A fundraiser will be held at Ruby's Diner on Wednesday, February 8 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Individuals must bring a Friends of Outreach flyer to Ruby's for Friends of Outreach to receive the 20 percent of donated proceeds;
- Bingo raised \$368.50 on Wednesday, January 18;
- The Crafter's Boutique will be open on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; and Thursdays from 1 – 4 p.m.; and
- Woodbridge Village Association will be holding a community swap meet on Saturday, March 10 – Friends of Outreach is taking donations to participate in the swap meet.

F. Irvine Senior Travelers – Joyce Duff, President

No report.

G. Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy – Charlie Choi, Member

Member Choi reported the Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy is increasing its memberships and groups.

H. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors
Mahmoud Gahfour, President

Member Massy Alavi reported NEDA will be holding its elections tonight and the name of the new NEDA president will be announced at the February Senior Citizens Council meeting.

RECESS

Chair Castelo recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 9:58 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Castelo reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:13 a.m.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Housing / Transportation –Chair Castelo; Councilmembers Choi and Klein

Chair Castelo reported the housing market is still depressed with sales down 6.1 percent. Councilmember Wong provided an explanation of when individuals qualify for property tax reductions.

- B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Sea Country Senior Community Center:

- A brief report was given regarding information and assistance provided by the Orange County Community Resources, including writing and distributing monthly nutrition articles;
- Senior non-emergency medical transportation which reported to have 8,171 new client enrollment, 9,662 total trips during the same month and \$29.66 average cost per trip, at \$4.61 average cost per mile; and
- The Planning and Policy staff worked and participated in the Area Plan, in the Senior Services Employment program, and

various other series of events for the benefit and well-being of seniors.

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the Health and Nutrition Committee discussed the senior nutrition interconnection socialization program.

D. Legislative – Councilmember Pfeiffer

Councilmember Pfeiffer reported the Legislative Committee was dark last month and shared newspaper articles on proposed legislation on Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and Protect IP Act (PIPA).

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, January 25 at 11 a.m. The committee will discuss and prioritize the facility needs and bring recommendations to the Senior Citizens Council.

B. Nutrition – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the Nutrition Committee met and Kimberly May presented an update of the Nutrition Program.

Supervisor Conger reported the Department of Aging will be conducting an audit of the Office on Aging and Elderly Nutritional Program at Lakeview on February 7, 2012.

C. Great Park – Councilmember Choi and Vice Chair Castelo

No report.

D. Leadership – Councilmember Pfeiffer

No report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

ACTIONS: Conduct election of Irvine Senior Citizens Council Chair and Vice Chair.

Superintendent Driscoll opened the floor for nominations of Senior Citizens Council Chair.

Selection of Irvine Senior Citizens Council Chair.

Chair Castelo nominated Councilmember Klein to serve as Chair.

NOMINATION FAILS.

Councilmember Jacobs nominated Councilmember Wong to serve as Chair.

NOMINATION ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 6-1.

Selection of Irvine Senior Citizens Council Vice Chair.

Councilmember Jacobs nominated Councilmember Pfeiffer to serve as Vice Chair.

NOMINATION ACCEPTED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT.

2. Senior Council Committee Assignments

ACTION: Appoint Councilmembers to Committees.

The following Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees appointments were made and agreed to:

- A. Legislative – Councilmembers Pfeiffer and Klein
- B. Housing/Transportation – Councilmembers Jacobs, Wong and Castelo

- C. Health/Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader
- D. SCAC Board Monthly Meetings – Councilmember Quader

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- A. Facilities – Members Jacobs, Wong, Castelo
- B. Nutrition – Members Pfeiffer and Quader
- C. Great Park – It was decided to discontinue the Orange County Great Park Committee
- D. Leadership – It was decided to move this committee to Senior Services Support/Interest Groups on the agenda.
- E. Donor Committee – Members Wong, Klein and Choi
- F. Newsletter Committee – It was decided to discontinue to the Newsletter Committee.

3. Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Pfeiffer, and seconded by Councilmember Klein to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on December 15, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY MEMBERS PRESENT.

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 SAM CASTELO
 VICE CHAIR

 Dated: February 16, 2012
 CHERYL HANSEN
 RECORDING SECRETARY