

## **MINUTES**

### **SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 21, 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 June 21, 2012, 9:02 a.m., at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **ABSENT**

COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Pfeiffer

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Councilmember Pfeiffer

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Program Coordinator Duehr introduced Community Services Senior Leader Sonja Peterson.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. Distinguished Service Awards

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

- Patrick Traynor – Eagle Scout
- Christa Barry – Senior Services Volunteer

### 2. 2012 Seniors Making a Difference Award – California Senate, Judy Marsing–Bailey

Judy Marsing-Bailey was recognized and awarded the 2012 Seniors Making a Difference Award by Senator Lou Correa’s office.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Farmers Market Vouchers – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger stated the senior nutrition program has distributed 125 discount vouchers provided by the Office on Aging that can be used at local farmers’ markets.

- California Senior Legislature – Orange County Meeting – Councilmember Pfeiffer

Councilmember Pfeiffer stated that the CSL recently met in Orange County, the next meeting will be held in Sacramento. Some members of the Legislative Committee will attend.

- Intergenerational Housing – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Councilmember Pfeiffer stated she read an article in the Orange County Register on May 4, 2012 that discussed an intergenerational housing project in Irvine.

- Gold Card Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Coordinator Gutfeld stated the Gold Card Program is up to almost 400 members.

- Program Update – Pamela Duehr, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Duehr presented an update on Senior Services programs at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

## **COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence for the month of June sent on behalf of the Senior Citizens Council:

- Friends of Outreach - \$2,500 donation
- Ms. Adulfa Loresto - \$1,000 donation

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Sayre spoke on behalf of the Irvine Village Project, renamed TrueNeighbors Village. The project is in advance stages of development. A Meet and Greet will be held on Friday, June 29 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center for those interested in learning about the project and ways to become involved.

## **COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**

### **1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups**

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

No report.

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

President Lin stated University California, Irvine (UCI) is establishing a research program to study Alzheimer's disease in the Asian population. To participate in the program one must be 70 years of age with no previous evidence of Alzheimer's disease. More information will be available at the July 2 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association meeting.

- C. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, President

President Yousef stated the Irvine Multicultural Association donated the television in the lobby of Lakeview Senior Center; and the next film in the Exploring our World/Film Series will feature Italy on July 11 at Lakeview Senior Center. The August program will feature a presentation by P.K. Wong on Singapore.

- D. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

Friends of Outreach received a thank you letter from the Irvine Senior Citizens Council for a \$2,500 donation.

- E. Irvine Senior Travelers – Linda Lako, President

President Lako provided an update on upcoming excursions.

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

Member Choi provided an update on activities at the Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy.

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

Member Alavi announced the NEDA meeting will be held at 5 p.m. this evening at Lakeview Senior Center.

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

The next Leadership Committee meeting will be held in July.

**2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees**

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

Chair Wong and Councilmember Jacobs attended the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council Housing and Transportation meeting. Chair Wong noted, and questioned, the agency's budget distribution in relation to Irvine. Irvine has more transportation users than other zones but has a smaller budget allocation.

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

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, June 8 at Norman P. Murray Senior Center in Mission Viejo:

- Age Well Senior Services presented the Elderly Nutrition Provider Report regarding living a healthy life;
- Dr. Bonnie Olson, UCI Clinical Psychologist, presented *Life is Good, Enjoy It* and encouraged seniors to find ways to enjoy life;
- Customer satisfaction surveys about Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation will be mailed to program participants; and
- Chuck McVey, a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC), is compiling a SCAC Newsletter.

- C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the topic of discussion at the SCAC was on living a healthy lifestyle through making healthy food choices.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Councilmember Pfeiffer stated the following topics were discussed at the SCAC Legislative meeting:

- At this time there is no requirement for home caregivers to be licensed;
- Veterans Alliance in Laguna Hills is providing long-term aid to veterans; spouses of deceased veterans are also eligible for assistance;
- The Senior Wish organization, similar to the Make a Wish Foundation, has been started by a nonprofit group for seniors;
- The Grand Jury report regarding elder abuse is available for viewing; and
- Funeral prices don't meet Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regulations; if passed, SB 658 will require funeral homes to post prices and be in compliance with FTC regulations.

## **RECESS**

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:12 a.m.

## **RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING**

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:29 a.m.

### **3. Senior Citizens Council Committees**

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

The Facilities Committee prepared a list of senior center projects and prioritized the items for the Senior Citizens Council review and approval. Chair Wong reported that planning money for the rose garden/patio design projects is available as noted at the City Council meeting on June 12, 2012.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following:

- Donations are needed for the Meals on Wheels program;
- Due to participant input, staff is reducing the amount of spices for meals served in the dining room; and
- Staff members Kimberly May and Maria Ornelas were commended for the work they do.

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

No report.

## UPCOMING BUSINESS ITEMS

- Facility Naming
- Disabled Parking Spaces at Lakeview Senior Center – Laura Murphy, Program Specialist

Program Specialist Murphy updated the Senior Citizens Council on the status of reconfiguring the parking lot to relocate the disabled parking spaces. To move the parking spaces would require removing landscaping and adding a sidewalk. This item is referred to the Facilities Committee for evaluation.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 1. Facilities Committee Recommendations

Program Specialist Murphy presented the Facilities Committee Recommendations staff report and responded to Councilmember questions.

It was moved by Councilmember Jacobs, and seconded by Vice Chair Pfeiffer, to approve:

**ACTIONS:**

1. Senior Citizens Council Facilities Committee recommendations of facility improvements and enhancement projects.
2. Forward Senior Citizens Council Facilities Committee recommendations of facility improvements and enhancement projects to Community Services Department staff for evaluation.
3. Forward Senior Citizens Council Facilities Committee recommendations to City Council for consideration during the FY 2013-14 budget development process.

In addition, Chair Wong and Councilmember Jacobs requested a cost estimate associated with the Computer Lab expansion, including program participation and the cost of laptops and other equipment before approving Priority Area 3, item #2.

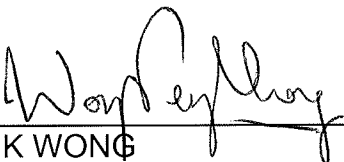
2. Minutes

**ACTION:**

It was moved by Vice Chair Pfeiffer, and seconded by Councilmember Quader, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on May 17, 2012.

**END COUNCIL BUSINESS**

ADJOURNMENT at 11:01 a.m., Thursday, June 21, 2012.

  
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 P K WONG  
 CHAIR

  
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 CHERYL HANSEN  
 RECORDING SECRETARY

Dated: June 21, 2012