

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**July 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 July 19, 2012, 9:01 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	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Quader

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Quader

INTRODUCTIONS – None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

The following individuals were recognized for their volunteer services at Lakeview Senior Center.

- Sejun Lee – Teen Volunteer (not present for meeting)
- Casey Prottas – National Charity League Meals On Wheels Volunteer

Lisa Prottas, Casey's mother, was also recognized for completing the most delivery drives for Meals On Wheels in one year.

2. Irvine Housing Opportunities – Pat Whitaker, Chief Executive Officer

Pat Whitaker presented an informational overview of Irvine Housing Opportunities (IHO) that included the changing statistics of seniors, a projection of needs in 2030 and IHO's initiatives for expansion of Woodbridge Manor.

Pat Whitaker explained that IHO is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to address the shortage of affordable housing. IHO developed the first 100 percent affordable apartments in Irvine for very low-income seniors and disabled residents at Woodbridge Manor Apartments. IHO has broadened its service area to Southern California and is committed to improving the quality of life of older adults.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Certificate of Appreciation to Friends of Outreach – United States Marine Corps; Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Jan Owens and Maria Yousef were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Friends of Outreach from the 2/11 Marine Corps for their crafted lap blankets, baby beanies, and knitted socks donated to the Long Beach Veterans Administration Hospital and to the families of United States Marines.

- Commonly Used Acronyms – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini presented a list of commonly used acronyms as a reference for Senior Councilmembers.

- Friendship Corner Update – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated the Friendship Corner program will be offered as a Senior Services program rather than a Friends of Outreach program. Senior Services staff is working with program volunteers to identify a new name for the program.

- Rancho Renovation Project – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini announced the Rancho renovation project is scheduled to begin Saturday, July 28. The facility will be closed through August 13. Renovations will include replacement of new ceiling tiles and light fixtures, new carpet throughout the building, and installation of a fire alarm system. Many of the Rancho programs and activities have been temporarily relocated during the closure period.

Program Coordinator Gutfeld shared that during the facility closure, a free two-week membership at 24-Hour Fitness will be offered to current fitness center members.

- Senior Plan Staffing Update – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll announced the following three new part-time staff members have been hired as part of the Senior Services Strategic Plan funding:

- Lucy Tsing, Outreach Assistant;
- Andrew Chen, Community Services Senior Leader (Meals on Wheels coordination); and
- Sonja Peterson, Community Services Senior Leader (recreation program coordination).

- Recording Secretary Change – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll announced that Cheryl Hansen, Administrative Secretary, has accepted a Program Assistant position working in the City Clerk's Office. Laura Murphy, Program Specialist, will be filling in as recording secretary until the vacant position is filled.

- Political Activities – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll distributed and reviewed guidelines pertaining to Political Activities of a Commissioner.

- Ethics Training – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll reminded Senior Council members of the July 27 deadline requirement for completion of the online Ethics Training.

- Facility Naming Update – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll announced that Senior Services is developing a survey to seek community interest regarding a name change of the senior centers to removing the word “senior” from the title. Additionally, staff is researching Best Practices of other senior centers throughout the state.

Chair Wong requested staff set a goal for the number of completed surveys to be collected and responses be tallied to distinguish between current senior centers users and non-users. It was also suggested to include a statement at the beginning of the survey reinforcing that regardless of a name change, the programs offered at the centers will remain targeted for adults age 50 and older.

- Gold Card Program Update – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini announced a Gold Card planning meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss the new membership card and expansion of Gold Card benefits.

- Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented an update on programs and activities at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Donation Letter – Onnuri Community Church - \$6,000
- Donation Letter – Friends of Outreach - \$3,250

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:17 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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

Chair Wong reported the next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 21 and will include the performance of eight songs and a dance performance. Additionally, a guest speaker from the University of California, Irvine, will present on the topic of Alzheimer's Disease.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, President

President Yousef announced 50 people attended the June movie presentation. The August program will feature a presentation by P.K. Wong on Singapore.

D. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens reported the following:

- Friends of Outreach fundraisers earned a total of \$1,265, including: \$1,000 from the Pageant of the Masters ticket sales; \$100 from the afghan blanket raffle; and \$165 from pen sales;
- Friends of Outreach donated \$3,000 to the Senior Services Special Needs program and \$500 to Trip OC;
- The Crafters boutique will close in the fall and re-open in October; and
- Friends of Outreach thanked Senior Services for assuming responsibility for the Friendship Corner program.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – Linda Lako, President

No report.

F. Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy – Charlie Choi, Member

Councilmember Choi reported the Country Line Dance program will be run as a Senior Services program until the Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA) is able to obtain their non-profit status.

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

Member Alavi announced the following;

- The August 16 NEDA meeting will include a speaker on home gardening; and
- The English and computer classes offered in Farsi have been very successful.

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

Chair Wong shared information discussed at the Leadership Committee meeting, including the Computer Lab program and Rancho Senior Center renovations. Additionally, the Leadership Committee is planning a tour of the Oasis Senior Center and the Norman P. Murray Senior Center in Mission Viejo.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

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

No report.

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

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, July 13 at the Anaheim Senior Center:

- A presentation was given on the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, which provides education and learning through practical experience; and
- A presentation was given on the accomplishments of the Office on Aging and Veterans Services.

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Councilmember Quader reported Office on Aging is accepting reservations for individuals interested in attending the third annual Central City Senior and Caregiver Expo on August 25 at the Crystal Cathedral located in Garden Grove.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Councilmember Pfeiffer stated the following:

- FAST is the Financial Abuse Specialist Team, and is being proposed as a call center;
- The Legislative committee is working on its 2013 schedule of speakers; and
- The committee is accepting new member applications.

Councilmember Klein distributed information on current legislative bills that are affecting seniors.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Chair Wong requested staff provide updates on the following items:

- Scheduled dates for painting of Lakeview Senior Center hallways;
- Wi-Fi issues;
- Rancho fitness equipment replacement process and leasing options; and
- Repair of mixing board and installation of LCD projector in the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium.

Councilmember Jacobs suggested that the Homer Guimond Studio chairs, (recliner chair and green chairs) either be cleaned or removed.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported that the Meals on Wheels program delivers over 200 meals daily and is looking for additional volunteer drivers.

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

Chair Wong reported on donations received by Senior Services in the month of July.

Councilmember Jacobs reported a donation from Nancy Kidder of three seating chair sets and umbrellas for the Rose Garden.

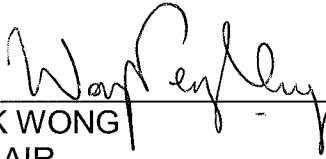
COUNCIL BUSINESS

Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Quader, and seconded by Vice Chair Pfeiffer, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on June 21, 2012.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2012.



P K WONG
CHAIR



LAURA MURPHY
RECORDING SECRETARY

Dated: 8/16/12