

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**September 20, 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 September 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Klein

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Klein

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

The following individual was recognized for her volunteer services at Lakeview Senior Center.

- Amber Chiang – Sing-a-Long program volunteer since 2008, playing the piano and preparing and organizing music sheets for participants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Irvine Global Village Festival – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll announced parking locations for the Irvine Global Village Festival will be located offsite with shuttles running back and forth to the festival grounds.

Superintendent Driscoll requested support from Senior Council members during the festival to help work at the Health and Human Services booth.

2. Transit Training Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented on the transit training program offered to meet Senior Services Strategic Plan strategies. Participation included 22 individuals who learned how to read the Orange County Transit Authority bus schedule and the Metrolink schedule during an excursion using public transportation to and from Lakeview Senior Center and downtown Orange.

3. Container Gardening Program – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented on the Earth Box program. Individuals currently on the waitlist for a garden plot at Rancho were invited to participate in the portable gardening box program to learn options for gardening at home.

4. Senior Center Naming Survey – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll shared the draft Senior Center Naming Survey and received input from Senior Council members. The survey will be available for distribution the week of September 24. Survey responses will be shared with Senior Council at a future meeting.

5. Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented an update on programs and activities at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers. Councilmember Pfeiffer requested that Bingo be included in future updates.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Wong shared the following sent on behalf of the Senior Citizens Council for the month of September:

- A letter of appreciation was sent to Petro Diamond for their donation of \$2,000.

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 Services – Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director

Director Beeson reported that the Casino Night fundraiser will be held on October 27, 2012 and has already raised \$42,000 toward their \$70,000 goal.

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

Member Wong reported last month's presentation was on the NASA program and the club celebrated the Moon Festival.

- C. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, Chair

Member Jacobs reported over 100 people attending last month's presentation on Afghanistan. The November program will include a presentation on Native Americans.

- D. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens reported that Friends of Outreach will have a booth at the upcoming Global Village Festival where knitted items and pens will be sold. The Holiday Gift Bags will be delivered on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to homebound seniors.

- E. Irvine Senior Travelers – Linda Lako, President

No report.

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

Member Alavi reported that NEDA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 and shared that the evening meetings are drawing a much younger crowd.

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

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the next Leadership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Rancho Senior Center.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 9:55 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:14 a.m.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

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

Councilmember Jacobs reported on information shared at the monthly meeting, including:

- There is a four to five year waitlist for subsidized housing.
- Approximately 150 senior housing units are being built in San Clemente.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, September 14 at Laguna Beach Senior Center:

- Mark Brooks of University of California, Irvine spoke on the Willing Body program;
- SCAC member Dieter Kammerer presented a report on Legislation;
- SCAC member John Pointer presented a report on Housing and Transportation
- The third Annual Central County Senior and Caregiver Expo on August 25 was well attended.

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Councilmember Quader reported that the Health and Nutrition Committee attended a tour of the Goodwill main campus in Santa Ana.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported the Legislative committee is looking for speakers for 2013.

Councilmember Klein questioned if the possibility of the City hosting a candidates forum to inform seniors.

Superintendent Driscoll will follow up with the City Clerk's office.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Supervisor Kaleikini announced the following updates:

- Facilities Committee met with the design group, EPT, on September 12 to discuss project ideas for the Lakeview Senior Center Rose Garden and Patio areas. Upcoming workshops will be held to present imagery and design options.
- ACS is updating the cable lines to increase WiFi speed at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.
- The quality of paper towels have been upgraded at both senior centers.
- The computer lab now has a software program to automatically log off participants after 15 minutes of inactivity. A screen saver is being worked on to indicate when a computer is available.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the Nutrition program will be introducing a new soup and salad bar option every Thursday beginning in October.

Vice Chair Pfeiffer mentioned the salad bar at Mission Viejo Senior Center was not successful and requested staff to inquire why.

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

Chair Wong reported on the following donations brought in for the month of September:

- Petro-Diamond of \$2,000 to Irvine Meals on Wheels program
- Friends of Outreach of \$1,625 for Special Needs Fund
- Allergan Grant of \$6,000 for Irvine Meals on Wheels program

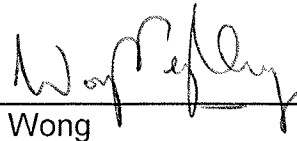
COUNCIL BUSINESS

Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Jacobs, and seconded by Councilmember Quader, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on September 20, 2012.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 10:55 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012.



P K Wong
Chair



LAURA MURPHY
RECORDING SECRETARY

Dated: 10.18.12