



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**October 18, 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 October 18, 2012, 9:01 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER
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VICE CHAIR
CHAIR

CHARLIE CHOI
GRETA JACOBS
JANET KLEIN
NAJMA QUADER
KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
PK WONG

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER

SAM CASTELO

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chair Wong

INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the following:

- Daniel Helfman has been hired on as a part-time Community Services Leader II and will provide support to the Rancho Fitness Center;
- Dylan Bair was promoted to an extended part-time Community Services Leader III and will be supporting facility functions; and
- Ed Cucciarella was promoted to a part-time Community Services Leader III and will be supporting facility functions.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

Supervisor Conger presented a Distinguished Service Award to Nancy Chase for her volunteer support as a Meals on Wheels driver.

2. Knots of Love – Christina Fabiani

Christina Fabiani Shively, Founder and Executive Director presented on Knots of Love, a non-profit organization that provides free knitted caps to cancer patients all over the country. Knots of Love has grown in its five years of existence to providing 3,000 caps each month.

3. Irvine Global Village Festival Recap – Mya Sanders, Community Services Superintendent

Superintendent Sanders presented on the Irvine Global Village Festival that was held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Cornell Bill Barber Park. Estimated attendance for the event was 24,000 people with over 100,000 food tickets sold. The planning for next year's festival, scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2013 will begin in April 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Gold Card Program Update – Ed Kaleikini/Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld announced updates regarding the Gold Card Program. Program participation has increased from 308 members to 516 members. The new Gold Cards include member's pictures. Goals of the Gold Card program are to create additional member benefits, increase marketing of program using mail and email and increase program membership by five percent each quarter.

2. Diwali Luncheon – Ed Kaleikini, Community Services Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini announced the Diwali luncheon will be held on Friday, October 26 at Lakeview Senior Center. Tickets are \$6 for Gold Card members and \$7 for non-Gold Card members.

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 10:35 a.m.

3. Senior Services Strategic Plan First Quarter Updates – November 2012 – Sheila Driscoll, Community Services Superintendent

Supervisor Conger announced the first quarter updates for the Senior Plan will be presented at the November meeting.

4. Irvine Meals on Wheels Holiday Fundraising Drive – Lynne Conger, Social Services Supervisor

Supervisor Conger announced a holiday fundraising drive for Irvine Meals on Wheels. Funds raised will support additional food costs in order to expand services to individuals on the program waitlist. Staff is also working to recruit additional volunteers for food preparation and delivery.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 the following:

- Nine pieces of artwork will be auctioned at the Take a Chance for Seniors fundraiser on October 26. Proceeds will go toward the scholarship assistance program.
- Three pieces of artwork have been chosen for the Memories in the Making Alzheimer's Association Calendar. One piece of artwork will appear on calendar's cover.

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

President Lin announced the next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

- C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA) – Maria Yousef, Chair

Chair Yousef announced IMA will show a Mexican movie in November and will be having a holiday party in December.

D. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens announced Friends of Outreach is requesting cash or give-away donations for the 250 Holiday Gift Bags they assemble and give to homebound seniors. Friends of Outreach received a \$275 check from the sales of handcrafted pens by John Rogers.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – Linda Lako, President

Irvine Senior Travelers, Natalie Chaikin, reported they have a new office manager Barbara Abshire. The club will host its annual Travel Expo in February 2013.

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

Member Alavi announced the October 18 evening meeting will include a presentation about Medicare Part D changes and that yoga instruction is being offered as part of the NEDA program.

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

Chair Wong reported the Leadership Committee is planning facility tours of the Oasis Senior Center, Newport Beach and Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, Mission Viejo.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

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

Councilmember Jacobs reported that Orange County Transportation Authority will be having a meeting to discuss ACCESS transportation fares.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council –
Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported Age Well Senior Services presented updates on the Elderly Nutrition Program, which provides healthy meals and other services such as estate planning, mental health services, and home modification services.

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader

No report.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported there are changes being made to the Medicare program and will provide additional information to those interested.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Chair Wong and Supervisor Kaleikini reported the following:

- The next meeting of the Facilities Committee is scheduled for October 24 and will include discussion about design ideas for the Lakeview Senior Center Rose Garden and patio redesign;
- The automatic restroom doors at Lakeview Senior Center have been installed; and
- Installation of the automatic restroom doors at Rancho has begun.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported on the success of the new salad bar, which is offered in the Nutrition program on Thursdays. As part of the salad bar service, an option for soup or Panini sandwich is available on alternate Thursdays.

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

Chair Wong reported on a \$6,000 donation from Allergan for support of the Irvine Meals on Wheels program.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Klein, and seconded by Councilmember Pfeiffer, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on October 18, 2012.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2012.



P K Wong
Chair



LAURA MURPHY
RECORDING SECRETARY

Dated: 11/15/12