



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**January 17, 2013
9 AM**

**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 17, 2013, 9:02 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
HELEN KENNEDY
JANET KLEIN
KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
PK WONG

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER

NAJMA QUADER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chair Wong

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Helen Kennedy, new Senior Citizens Councilmember appointed by City Councilmember Christine Shea, was introduced.
2. Athena Martinez, new Community Services Administrative Secretary, was introduced.
3. Councilmember Choi introduced members of the public from the Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA) non-profit organization.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award to Hank Mickleson has been postponed to the February meeting.

2. Senior Citizens Council Member Overview

Superintendent Driscoll presented a PowerPoint slideshow which included reviews of the roles and responsibilities of the Senior Citizens Council, Senior Council bylaws, and the Brown Act. The presentation is on file with the Recording Secretary for review.

Chair Wong requested that all Councilmembers please inform the Chair, Vice Chair and Superintendent Driscoll of any foreseen absences at least three days prior to the meeting.

Chair Wong strongly encouraged all Councilmembers to actively participate in the various committees that exist, and reiterated that all actions are to serve the best interests of Irvine seniors, and not one specific community.

Councilmember Choi inquired about the possibility of a Senior Council member attending the Great Park Board meetings during the development phase to provide input on the needs of seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Senior Council Group Photo

Chair Wong reminded the Council that a group photo would be taken during the morning break.

2. Tour of Goodwill

Supervisor Conger solicited interest in a tour of the Goodwill Center in Santa Ana. The date for this excursion will be Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 1 p.m.

3. Housing Certificate Expirations

Supervisor Conger announced that some Irvine Apartment Company rental properties participating in the Affordable Rental Program are approaching expiration. Current participants of the program will need to re-apply if their property is affected. The Keen Center for Senior Resources can assist with providing a list of apartments offering affordable housing waiting lists.

4. Gold Card Program Update

Program Coordinator Gutfeld reported the photo system for the program is going well, and staff is in the process of updating photos for the existing 605 members. The next task of the program is to implement scanning capabilities to better track program use.

The program has grown from 224 members in September 2012 to 605 members in January 2013. Some benefits of membership include reduced pricing for luncheons and priority registration to impacted programs.

Councilmember Choi inquired if discounted fees to local golf courses could be a benefit of the program. Staff responded that the primary goal of the program is to encourage seniors to participate in existing senior center programs and activities.

Chair Wong inquired about renewal of memberships and staff indicated that renewal notices are sent to members two months prior to expiration.

Councilmember Jacobs inquired about a marketing plan for the program and staff stated that this would begin in February.

5. Senior Council Monthly Calendar

Superintendent Driscoll distributed the new monthly activity calendar.

6. Program Update

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

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Pfeiffer commented on her participation in an event sponsored by Lego. Interviews were held with engineers, elementary school children and seniors, with a focus on the development of an item that would be useful to seniors. This is an international event, and presentations of the winning ideas will be presented at Legoland in San Diego.

Chair Wong announced the resignation of Sonja Peterson, Community Services Senior Leader, and Dylan Bair, Community Services Leader III.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President of IKEA, Dr. Todd Kim, spoke on the efforts and purpose of IKEA. The first program is scheduled for Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Lakeview Senior Center and will include a presentation on Arthritis as well as a presentation on Affordable Housing provided by the City's Community Development department.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services

Executive Director Beeson distributed 2013 Memory in the Making calendars to all Councilmembers and announced that the Orange County United Way committed to a third year of funding for the program.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Chair Wong reported that planning is underway for the February 22, 2013 Chinese New Year event.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association

Chair Yousef reported on program plans for 2013. Councilmember Choi requested that a Korean themed event be planned for a month that does not yet have a scheduled topic.

D. Friends of Outreach

Board member Yousef reported the following:

- A new Friends of Outreach Board has been selected for 2013;
- There will be a Ruby's Diner fundraiser on February 13;
- Bingo activities raise an average of \$350 to \$400 each week.
- International Crafters donations totaling \$3,271 were made for 2012. The group is actively seeking donations for chemo cap yarn. Many chemo caps were made for the Knots of Love organization.
- A contribution in the amount of \$807 was made to Friends of Outreach through pens sales made by John Rogers.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers

Member, Natalie Chaikin reported on upcoming trips being planned to Cuba, Belgium and others. The annual Big Bash Travel Show will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center and will include many raffles, door prizes and more. The expected attendance is 300.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Yadollah “Yaddi” Mohammadi, reported on two Persian New Year events in March: a dinner event on Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at a cost of \$20, and a lunch event on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$10.00. Both events will be held at Lakeview Senior Center.

G. Leadership Committee

No report.

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

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

Councilmember Jacobs reported that a new luxury, affordable senior living community is being built in Laguna Niguel offering 240 units and many amenities. The project has received 1,000 applications. Other developments include 76 units in San Clemente and 53 units in Costa Mesa.

Regarding transportation, Councilmember Jacobs reported the OCTA bus routes do not cover all outlying areas of Irvine, and some seniors would like to see additional routes with greater frequency.

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

Nancy Cheng, Senior Citizens Council Emeritus Member and SCAC member reported there are currently 40 members on this council from around Orange County. The council meets on the second Friday of each month. The April meeting will occur at Rancho Senior Center, and the August meeting will occur at Lakeview Senior Center.

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmembers Choi and Quader

No report.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported Elizabeth Busick was elected Chair of the Legislative Committee and Barbara Barker was elected Vice Chair. Council member Pfeiffer invited Senior Council member Kennedy to consider joining this committee.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 23.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 23 at 9:30 a.m.

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22 at 11 a.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Senior Citizens Council Emeritus Appointments

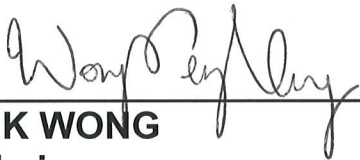
ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Jacobs, and seconded by Councilmember Klein, to submit recommendations to the City Council for consideration of "Senior Citizens Council Emeritus" appointments to the following past Senior Citizens Council members: Sam Castelo, Nancy Cheng and Alireza Jazayeri.

2. Minutes

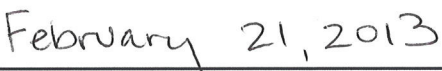
ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Choi, and seconded by Vice Chair Pfeiffer, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on November 15, 2012.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:25 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.



P K WONG
Chair



Date



ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary