



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

April 18, 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 April 18, 2013 at 9:10 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

MEMBERS PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	HELEN KENNEDY <i>(left at 11 a.m.)</i>
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

MEMBERS PRESENT

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Wong requested a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings.

INTRODUCTIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Award

Marianna Spoelder could not attend and will be presented her award at a future meeting.

Social Services Supervisor Conger presented Kanchan Nabar with a Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the Irvine Meals on Wheels program and his service as a Medical Volunteer Driver.

2. Donor Program Update

Social Services Supervisor Conger provided a PowerPoint presentation with handouts to those present. Councilmember Klein thanked Social Services Supervisor Conger for her dedicated efforts for the committee.

Chair Wong inquired about the federal sequestration impacts to the senior centers and requested staff present information to Senior Council once Congress has approved the Federal budget.

3. Facility Naming Survey Follow-up

Community Services Superintendent Driscoll provided a PowerPoint presentation with handouts to those present.

Councilmember Pfeiffer commented that work needs to be done on removing stigma associated with the word "senior".

Councilmember Klein commented that it would not be fiscally responsible to pursue a name change of existing centers at this time.

Councilmembers commented on the need for increased marketing of programs and services available at the senior centers.

4. Program Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented an update on programs and activities at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers and provided a flyer with details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Trabuco Center Update

Community Services Superintendent Driscoll announced that plans for this new center have been submitted by the Irvine Company and that a project timeline will be provided to Senior Council at a future meeting.

2. Senior Identity Theft and Scams Forum

Social Services Supervisor Conger announced the joint forum presented by Mayor Choi and Assemblyman Mansoor on Senior Identity Theft and Senior Scams to be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

3. Volunteer Recognition Recap

Community Services Program Coordinator Gutfeld provided a recap of the recognition event held on Friday, April 5, 2013. Over 240 people were in attendance. Entertainment was provided by staff and positive comments were received throughout the evening.

4. Gold Card Program Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Gutfeld provided a summary of program activity to date.

- The program went live July, 2012.
- There are 574 active members enrolled.
- There is an additional \$5 non-resident fee.
- There is no price increase scheduled for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- Consideration is being given to add priority registration for the Metrolink excursions and implement a fee for replacement cards.
- There will be an opportunity drawing for membership referrals in celebration of the program's anniversary.
- Staff will be meeting with the Leadership Committee to discuss additional benefits from clubs to include as part of the program.

5. Computer Lab Meeting

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini reported that research is being done on how best to monitor computer usage to reduce wait times. There will be a meeting of lab users to review new policies and procedures.

Councilmember Quader suggested that an article spotlighting the Computer Lab be included in the next senior newsletter, including a brief history, purpose and general policy review.

6. California Parks and Recreation Society Presentation on Programming for Baby Boomers

Community Services Program Coordinator Gutfeld recapped recent presentations she has made regarding programming for the Baby Boomer generation.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:15 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:31 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Pfeiffer commented on her attendance at the Champions Friendly Visitor Volunteer meeting to present the Distinguished Service Award to Barbara Robinson, a CHAMPIONS Volunteer.

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 - Executive Director Beeson

The Senior Games event is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013, in conjunction with an employee service day for Union Bank staff.

The Adult Day Health Center will be hosting its annual volunteer recognition event on Friday, April 26, 2013.

A community education event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 2013 with Dr. Jenny Taylor speaking on recommendations for hiring a caregiver.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – Chair Wong

Elections will be conducted in May for eight director positions.

The March 26, 2013 excursion to San Diego was a success, with 51 attendees from Irvine, and 30 attendees from Laguna Woods that traveled in their own bus. Stops were made at the Flower Gardens and the Leo Carillo peacock ranch in Carlsbad, and the U.S.S Midway in San Diego.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association – Councilmember Jacobs

The Chinese movie, “Mood for Love” will be shown in May; a Brazilian movie will be shown in June; a presentation on Cuba will be given in July; there will be two programs in August highlighting Korea, one of which includes dinner.

The steering committee for the September Global Village event will begin meeting this month.

D. Friends of Outreach – Councilmember Pfeiffer

There will be a Cookie Lee jewelry fundraiser in May. Donations are being accepted for special yarn for the Chemo Caps program.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report

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

The association is very grateful to staff for assistance provided at the successful Norwuz event on March 27, 2013. In gratitude, Member Mohammadi presented Senior Services with a donation of \$500 and flowers.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Housing / Transportation – Councilmember Jacobs

A presentation was made at the April 12, 2013 meeting by the City of Mission Viejo regarding the policies and procedures used for the installation of speed bumps, lumps, humps and tables around schools and senior centers.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Councilmember Quader

The April 12, 2013 meeting was held at the Rancho Senior Center, and Irvine volunteers were recognized. Orange County Community Resources staff presented the March 2013 activity report. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, in conjunction with the Office on Aging, conducted a Spring Speaker Series, focusing on elder abuse prevention and tax preparation assistance. On March 12, 2013, Office on Aging staff provided a presentation on senior housing options in Orange County such as independent and assisting living facilities, retirement communities and senior apartments. An event by Ageless Alliances based on elder abuse awareness is scheduled for June 20, 2013 SCAC presented volunteer recognition awards to Irvine Hyatt and National Charity League, Irvine Chapter for their services to Irvine seniors.

(Councilmember Kennedy left at 11 a.m.)

C. Health and Nutrition – Councilmember Quader

The Irvine Adult Day Health Center was applauded for the excellent service provided.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer

Topics of recent meeting were senior fraud and senior scams, and some specific details given regarding funeral-related scams. Outreach is also being done to raise awareness about Senate Bill 247.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee – Councilmember Jacobs

The next committee meeting will be at 2 p.m. on May 8, 2013. Staff will present samples of outdoor furniture and ideas for outdoor programming.

B. Nutrition Committee – No report.

C. Donor Committee – Chair Wong

The next committee meeting will be at 11 a.m. on April 23, 2013.

D. Leadership Committee – Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini

Purpose of committee is to bring together the leaders of each collaborative group and non-profit organization to enhance communication and to discuss possible partnerships between groups.

COUNCIL BUSINESS


1. Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Klein and seconded by Councilmember Jacobs to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on March 21, 2013.

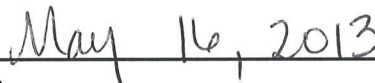
Motion unanimously carried by those members present.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2013.



P K WONG
CHAIR



Date



ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary