



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

May 16, 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 May 16, 2013 at 9:04 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Klein

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Klein led a moment of silence in honor of Janet “Jan” Owens, a respected member of the senior community and dedicated volunteer.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. New Senior Citizens Council Member

Community Services Superintendent Driscoll introduced Sima Ranjbar, new appointee by Councilmember Christina Shea. Councilmember Ranjbar gave a brief introduction of herself, highlighting her birth in Persia, education in France, current role as French Instructor at Irvine Valley College, and her passion for interior design specializing in Feng Shui.

2. Senior Council Member Highlights/Introductions

Councilmember Quader provided spotlights highlighting her background, education, her work with the Girl Guides (Girl Scouts) worldwide, previous work experiences and why she is interested in serving senior citizens. Councilmember Quader shared that the Irvine Global Village Festival had its origins at the Lakeview Senior Center as a "meli"- cultural festival in 1998.

3. New Senior Services Staff Members

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini introduced Ray Zayas, Community Services Leader II, who joined the team in February and will assist with facility operations.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Award

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini described the merits for which Marianne Spoelder, Computer Lab and Travel Adventure Slide Show Volunteer, received this award.

Community Services Senior Leader Chen presented this award to members of Abilities Unlimited for their dedicated work and contributions to the Irvine Meals on Wheels program.

2. Program Update

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Rancho Senior Center Upgrade Photos

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini shared photos highlighting Rancho Senior Center improvements.

2. Community Services Program Coordinator

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini announced the recent transition of Program Coordinator Pamela Duehr to City Hall/Facility Reservations. A recruitment is in process to fill the vacancy.

3. Update on Federal Sequestration Budget for Fiscal Years 2012-13 and 2013-14

Social Services Supervisor Conger provided a handout describing impacts from federal sequestration. Irvine will see \$6,500 in funding cuts for the remainder of this fiscal year, which have been offset with special funds and some general fund monies. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

4. Update on the Federal Administration for Community Living

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported that one year ago, the Administration on Aging had combined three agencies (Aging, Developmental Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities) at the federal level and are now known as the Federal Administration for Community Living, as there are common needs at this level and to increase efficiency. Supervisor Conger provided a handout describing the purview of the reorganized Administration.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Two "Thank You" letters were sent on behalf of the Senior Council to Friends of Outreach and Eli Ko, in appreciation of their recent donations to Senior Services.

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 shared artwork created by Memories in the Making participants, which will be displayed at the October 15, 2013 Casino Night fundraiser event. All existing programs are going well and scheduling has begun for Senior Games Days which will take place this summer.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Chair Wong announced the Association will conduct elections on Saturday, May 18, 2013 for eight Board seats.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association

Committee Chair Jacobs announced events for June (Brazil), July (Cuba), August (Korea) and October (Israel). There will be no event in September due to the Irvine Global Village Festival.

D. Friends of Outreach

President Pfeiffer announced that Bingo and Crafters activities are thriving. Crafters are still seeking donations (monetary or special yarn) for the Chemo Cap program. A fundraiser is scheduled for June 12, 2013 at the Chili's on Alton where 20 percent of proceeds from participant checks will go to Friends of Outreach.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors – No report.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 9:53 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

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

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council - Affiliated Committees

A. Housing / Transportation

Councilmember Jacobs provided updates and handouts regarding federal sequestration impacts to HUD programs and transportation issues.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Quader reported on the May 10, 2013 meeting held in Yorba Linda. An informative presentation was made on the PACE program, which provides all-inclusive care services for the elderly.

Additional items were a report on Elderly Nutrition, updates on the SCAC Newsletter and reports from the standing committees.

C. Health and Nutrition

Councilmember Quader reported on the May 15, 2013 meeting held in Santa Ana. A presentation on preparing healthy and nutritious meals was made by Food Service Specialist Kimberly May and Registered Dietician Ana Hamada from Lakeview Senior Center's nutrition program. Helpful tips given were to use spices and herbs rich in nutrients and antioxidants and to reduce salt and fats.

D. Legislative - No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Councilmember Jacobs provided an update on the purchase of durable, commercial grade patio furniture for Lakeview Senior Center.

B. Nutrition Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger provided updates on the Nutrition program and announced that two new Senior Aides were assigned to support the program.

C. Donor Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger announced there will be no Committee meetings in May and June, however the Committee is actively reaching out to potential sponsors. Staff is working with the City's Public Information Office on the creation of a Donor program Facebook page.

Two substantial donations were received by the Friends of Outreach and Eli Ko.

D. Leadership Committee

Councilmember Jacobs reported the Committee discussed the recent improvements at Rancho Senior Center, the proposed Lakeview Senior Center patio improvements, and the new carpet being installed at Lakeview Senior Center.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Senior Services Budget Fiscal Year 2013-14

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Community Services Superintendent Driscoll describing the proposed Senior Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

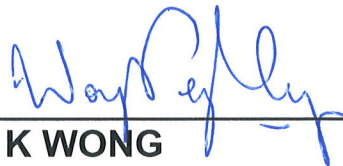
ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Klein, seconded by Councilmember Jacobs and voted unanimously by those present to recommend that City Council approve Fiscal Year 2013-14 Senior Services Budget.

2. Minutes

ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Quader, seconded by Councilmember Klein and voted unanimously by those present to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on April 18, 2013.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:17 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2013.



**P K WONG
CHAIR**

Date June 20, 2013


**ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary**