

MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2013
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 19, 2013 at 9 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	VACANT
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR*
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

*Councilmember Ranjbar arrived at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Chair Wong

A moment of silence in memory of past Senior Councilmember Najma Quader.

INTRODUCTIONS

Social Services Supervisor Conger introduced the following individuals:

- Erin Nearhoof, Outreach Assistant, working part-time in the Keen Center for Senior Resources
- Jane Lin, a University of Southern California Social Work Intern assisting with Outreach programs including the TrueNeighbor Village and grants.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

Vice Chair Pfeiffer presented this award to Pat Hendee for her years of dedicated service to the Meals on Wheels program, Bingo Club and Friends of Outreach.

The award to Dave Johnson for his volunteerism with the Irvine Meals on Wheels was read and will be mailed to him as he has moved out of the area.

2. Program Update

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Recreation Program Staffing Assignments

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini reported on current vacancies and hiring activities within Senior Services.

2. Senior Citizens Council Emeritus Reception

Superintendent Driscoll announced a reception to honor recently appointed Senior Citizens Council Emeritus members will occur immediately following this Senior Council meeting.

3. Housing Task Force

Superintendent Driscoll shared information about the City's Housing Task Force which was created in June, 2013 by the City Council to evaluate the need of housing for the developmentally disabled. The

task force is made up of nine members, including one representative from the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board, focusing on four goal areas: zoning, identification of areas needing housing; funding; and review of existing policies. The task force has been asked to return to City Council in six months with recommendations.

4. Irvine Global Village Festival (IGVF) Booth Assignments

Senior Council members were asked to provide assistance in the Senior Council booth on the day of the festival.

5. Senior Citizens Council Member-at-Large Recruitment

Superintendent Driscoll announced the recruitment will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 20 and interviews will be conducted on Thursday, October 3, 2013.

6. Celebration of Life Reception for Najma Quader - October 2, 2013.

Chair Wong reported on the Celebration of Life honoring Najma Quader, which will be held on Wednesday, October 2, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Choi provided an update on the progress of the Irvine Korean Evergreen Association. The first meeting will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and will include a presentation on stroke prevention and proper care of stroke patients.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Clapp – Irvine resident expressed her appreciation for the lunch program and computer lab and commented on the need for more designated handicap parking slots and additional curb cut at Lakeview Senior Center.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported two new Certified Nurse Assistants have been hired: Ashley Rodriguez and Adrienne Evangelista. Interviews for the Program Director position will be scheduled for early October. The Casino Night fundraiser has officially been declared as sold out. Artwork created by participants has been framed and will be available in the art auction.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Co-Presidents Wong and Lin reported the Moon Festival will be celebrated on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Lakeview Senior Center.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association

Member Jacobs reported that Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA) members are busy with IGVF preparation. The Diwali program is scheduled for November 1, 2013 and presentation on Israel will be offered on November 6, 2013.

D. Friends of Outreach

Member Smith passed around samples of chemo cap yarn (Caron Simply Soft) to raise awareness and fundraising needs for this specialty item. The Craft Cart will resume in October. Friends of Outreach will have a booth at the Woodbridge Holiday Boutique in November. Work has begun on the holiday gift bags for homebound seniors. President Pfeiffer reported that a number of members recently received commendations from the 2/11 Marines for contributions made by Friends of Outreach. Friends of Outreach also received commendations from Assemblyman Wagner.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Alavi reported the 19th Anniversary Celebration for NEDA was well attended. Another special event has been planned for this evening and will include a special guest singer.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Housing/Transportation

Councilmember Ranjbar reported a very interesting presentation was made on recommended architecture and floor plans for seniors living alone. Councilmember Jacobs reported there are many funding challenges for senior housing, reflected by the proposed City of Fullerton project. Chair Wong recommended Senior Council consider a new program called “Take a Senior to Lunch” to reach out to seniors in the community.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Jacobs reported the County provided a presentation on past Senior Councilmember Najma Quader’s active participation in services related to seniors. The agenda also included information regarding budget cuts being made to Nutrition Services throughout the County, as well as to Housing.

At this time, Chair Wong welcomed those in the audience and asked them to introduce themselves.

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 10:24 a.m.

C. Health and Nutrition

Councilmember Choi reported a discussion was held on the benefits of Tai Chi. Mental Health issues were also discussed. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) is a great resource for anyone dealing with mental health issues.

D. Legislative

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported that information on a recent Grand Jury report was provided. Information on state senior law proposals was also shared.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini reported on the meeting held September 18, 2013 and stated the Committee is in the process of reviewing and prioritizing a list of pending and proposed facility projects. Committee recommendations will be forwarded to Senior Council for input.

B. Nutrition Committee

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported that Ana Hamada, consultant and Registered Dietician, presented on proper safe food handling.

C. Donor Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported the next meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on September 24, 2013.

D. Leadership Committee

Chair Wong reported the next meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2013.


COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Motion made by Councilmember Klein, seconded by Councilmember Choi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on August 15, 2013.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 10:51 a.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2013.



P K WONG
CHAIR



ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary

10-17-13
Date