



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2013

9 AM

Lakeview Senior Center

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council was called to order on October 17, 2013 at 9 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
SIMA RANJBAR
KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Choi

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember Choi led a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Castelo.

INTRODUCTIONS

- Bingo committee members Dee Dee Kimlin, Pat Hendee, Susan Scholz, Kathy Erb and Sheryl Ferguson were introduced and Councilmember Jacobs highlighted the exceptional work the Bingo Committee does to consistently raise funds for Senior Services.
- Carolyn Inmon introduced herself as a senior of the community interested in getting more involved.

- Scott Darrell introduced himself as the speaker presenting on Jamboree Housing.
- Barbara Collins introduced herself as the presenter of the PACE Program at the November meeting.
- Don Perdue introduced himself as the new Member-at-large beginning in November.
- Fatima Mirpour and Kay Akbar introduced themselves as members of the Crafters.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Award to Friends of Outreach

Social Services Supervisor Conger presented this award to Friends of Outreach for the organizations ongoing support and dedication for homebound seniors. Friends of Outreach donations over the past 23 years have now exceeded \$100,000

2. Jamboree Housing

Scott Darrell from Jamboree Housing presented on the organization's affordable housing programs and properties throughout the state. The company is based in Irvine but now has a nationwide reach and 7,000 families and seniors are housed through their programs. The two affiliate organizations are Housing with Heart and Homes, Inc.

3. Program Update

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Drop, Cover and Hold On Safety Drill

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini provided a handout from FEMA on proper safety procedures during an earthquake.

2. Senior Citizens Council Members-at-Large Positions

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini announced the reappointment of PK Wong and new appointment of Donald Perdue as members-at-large. Terms of the new members will begin in November.

3. Holiday Fundraising Campaign

Social Services Supervisor Conger announced the fundraising campaign for the Irvine Meals on Wheels program to help supplement funding as a result of federal reductions due to the sequestration.

4. Holiday Gift Bag Donations

Social Services Supervisor Conger announced that the Friends of Outreach will be arranging for 200 holiday gift bags to be delivered over the holidays to homebound seniors and are seeking donated items to be included in the gift bags. Councilmember Jacobs thanked NEDA and IECSA for their annual contributions to the Friends of Outreach for this undertaking. Volunteers are also being sought to deliver the bags in December.

5. Nutrition Program Volunteers

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported on the urgent need for volunteers to assist in the Nutrition program with packaging of meals for delivery during the morning hours, and to assist with Irvine Meals on Wheels deliveries.

6. Irvine Global Village Festival Recap

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini reported the event was a success and thanked Councilmembers Jacobs, Klein and Ranjbar for their assistance in the Human Services booth. The “yarn bombing” of three trees by Friends of Outreach Crafters was very popular. Community Services Superintendent Mya Sanders will be invited to a future meeting to provide a more comprehensive report on the event.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Chair Wong reported that he once again visited the senior center in Elk Grove and obtained more information on their electronic check-in/check-out system, and created a list of other senior centers using electronic systems.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two thank you letters will be mailed for recent donations received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Friends of Outreach Member Smith urged everyone in attendance to consider volunteering for the holiday gift bag deliveries and expressed how important and meaningful the gift bags are to the recipients.
- Friends of Outreach Member Yousef commented this is often the only gift a homebound senior receives during the holidays.
- Resident Susan Suss inquired about local stores that provide senior discount days or specials targeted to seniors. Staff referred her to the Keen Center for Senior Resources.

RECESS

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

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:35 a.m.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services

Executive Director Beeson reported that the Casino fundraiser event was a great success. The event sold out early, space was expanded this year, and over \$71,000 was raised, up from the \$64,000 raised last year. This year's holiday appeal will be specifically for scholarships, as one day of care is \$95, and there are currently eight families receiving scholarship assistance.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Co-President Wong reported the next meeting will be on October 19 from 10 a.m. – noon and will include a musical performance and a cardiology presentation.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association

Chair Yousef reported there will be a Discover Israel program on November 6 and the annual holiday party on December 4. Tickets are required for both events and are available for purchase.

D. Friends of Outreach

President Pfeiffer reported on the group's first-time participation at the annual Senior Health Expo and the fall prevention screenings that were conducted by one of the members. A dinner fundraiser has been scheduled for November 13, 2013 at the Chili's on Alton and Paseo Westpark. Please be sure to take a flier so that 20 percent the check will be contributed to Friends of Outreach. Friends of Outreach will have a vendor booth at the Woodbridge Art Fair scheduled for November 9, 2013 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 31 Creek Road.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Alavi reported the monthly meeting will be held on October 17, 2013.

At this time, Councilmember Choi reported that the Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA) is becoming consistently active and holding regular monthly meetings.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Housing / Transportation

Councilmember Jacobs reported that senior non-emergency medical transportation for medical services has not been affected as this service is locally funded. Affordable Housing has been greatly affected by the federal shutdown, and new developments have become very expensive due to new laws and requirements for building.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Jacobs reported the meeting focused on genealogy searches and holiday party planning.

C. Health and Nutrition

Councilmember Choi reported the meeting focused on the Affordable Healthcare Act and many issues seniors are facing with this program.

D. Legislative

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reported the committee did not meet in October and thanked Recording Secretary Martinez for emailing Senior Councilmembers the agendas and minutes of the SCAC committee meetings.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Community Services Supervisor Kaleikini announced a meeting scheduled for October 18, 2013 and Capital Improvement Projects will be reviewed at this time.

B. Nutrition Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported that due to the federal sequestration, two budgets had been created for the nutrition programs. The first budget cycle covered July through September 2013 and is now being reconciled. The second budget cycle has begun. The Meals on Wheels (MOW)

program serves 100 people and there are five people on the waitlist. All areas of the MOW program are in much need of volunteers.

C. Donor Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported there has been a good response and support from the Orange County Register article promoting senior services and programs. A donor solicitation packet has been developed to aid in sponsorship/donation solicitations. Donations are still being received from a recent Waste Management mailer insert. The committee will not meet in October.

D. Leadership Committee – No report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Klein, seconded by Councilmember Jacobs, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on September 19, 2013.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 5 Choi, Jacobs, Klein, Pfeiffer, Ranjbar, Wong

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013.



P K WONG, CHAIR



ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary

Date 11-21-13