



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

**November 21, 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 November 21, 2013, 9:02 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

At this time, Deputy City Clerk Carl Petersen administered the Oath of Office to Members-at-Large Donald Perdue and PK Wong, and to newly appointed Councilmember Carolyn Inmon.

### ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER	CAROLYN INMON
COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	DONALD PERDUE
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR
CHAIR	PK WONG

Absent:  
COUNCILMEMBER                      JANET KLEIN

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Jacobs

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Led by Councilmember Jacobs for the victims of the hurricane in the Philippines.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

### 1. Donald Perdue, Senior Citizens Council Member-at-Large

Councilmember Perdue gave a brief introduction of himself, a resident of Irvine since 1973 and a retired architect since 1981. Goals while serving on the Senior Council are to learn more about “what is” in Senior Services and work toward “what can be”. Inspiration is the homebound senior and connecting them to the services available to them; would also like to bridge services from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program and English as a Second Language programs.

### 2. Carolyn Inmon, Senior Citizens Council Appointed Member

Councilmember Inmon gave a brief introduction of herself, a resident of Irvine since 1975 and a retired educator. Family now has three generations living in Irvine. Expressed concern for the homebound seniors and would like to be involved in the legislative process for seniors.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. CalOptima PACE

Barbara Collins from CalOptima PACE (Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) provided information on eligibility requirements and the services offered. She shared the PACE objective, which is to assist seniors remain independent in their own homes for as long and as safe as possible. The only Orange County facility is located in Garden Grove, which serves Irvine seniors in the 92606 and 92614 zip codes.

### 2. Irvine Global Village Festival Recap

Community Services Superintendent, Mya Sanders, provided a presentation summarizing the 2013 event. Councilmember suggestions for future events included additional umbrellas/shaded areas, changes to survey questions, and ensure all shuttles are handicap accessible. Councilmembers thanked Mya and her staff for another successful and well-organized event.

## **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 10:28 a.m.

### **3. Program Update**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Senior Services Staffing Update**

Community Services Program Coordinator Murphy announced the appointments of Andrew Chen to full-time Community Services Specialist and Brendan Hall to Community Services Leader III. Community Services Senior Leader Yesenia Cervantes has returned from maternity leave.

### **2. Access to Administration Office**

Social Services Supervisor Conger announced that the City is looking in to restricting access to administration offices for confidentiality, safety and productivity purposes. Access badges will be provided to individuals who regularly work in the administrative offices.

### **3. Senior Council Holiday Party**

Community Services Superintendent Driscoll reported a Twilight Holiday Social has been scheduled for December 18 and requested Senior Council consideration in serving as hosts for the event.

## **COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**

### **1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups**

#### **A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services**

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson announced that the facility was in the running for a grant award and encouraged votes by visiting [www.connectoc.org/vote](http://www.connectoc.org/vote). Pacific Life has committed a grant award in the amount of \$10,000 for skilled nursing. The new Program Director, Holly Parmley, will start on December 2, 2013. A recruitment is now open for a part-time Social Worker.

#### **B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association**

Co-President PK Wong announced a special IECSA holiday luncheon scheduled for December 11, 2013. Plans are in process for the January 22, 2014 Chinese New Year celebration.

#### **C. Irvine Multicultural Association**

Member Greta Jacobs reported on the success of the Diversity of Israel program. The IMA Holiday Party will be held on December 4, 2013 and will include Chinese food, and entertainment representing Moscow, India, China, and other countries. Plans are being made for the 2014 calendar of events.

#### **D. Friends of Outreach**

Members Greta Jacobs and Sara Smith announced the Crafters raffle winner was Carolyn Inmon, and presented her with the blanket. The group raised \$100 at the Woodbridge Holiday Faire. Work has begun on the holiday gift bags to homebound seniors, with special thanks to: Walgreens for donating the bags; Crafters for scarf donations; NEDA and IECSA for their contributions; Jewish Federation for their \$2,000 donation in Target and Walmart gift cards.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers

Member Natalie Chakin reported the new officers for 2014 have been installed and are: President – Lynn Morgan; Vice President – Barbara Abshire; Secretary – Diane Parker; Treasurer – Barbara Webster. The Club had a very good year and was able to donate \$200 to Friends of Outreach, \$500 to Irvine Adult Day Health Services, \$2,915 to Senior Services. Two day-trips have been planned for December - Riverside Mission Inn on December 6 and the Holiday Parade of Stars on December 12. Plans are being made for the 2014 calendar of events.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Massy Alavi announced the group met on November 20.

G. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association

Member Charlie Choi announced the regular meetings are held once a month and have been focused on health and education topics. The Korean Choir will sing at Joyful Jingles event on December 8. The line dancing classes are held each week at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers and are well-attended.

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

A. Housing / Transportation – No report.

B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Jacobs reported the meeting was held in Garden Grove and included a presentation on financial scams and identity theft, Medicare fraud and reverse mortgage scams.

C. Health and Nutrition

Councilmember Choi reported the meeting included a presentation on new legislations going to the State Assembly.

D. Legislative

Councilmember Jacobs reported that there will be a slight increase in Social Security in 2014.

**3. Senior Citizens Council Committees**

A. Facilities Committee

To be discussed under Council Business.

B. Nutrition Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger reported on the November 12 meeting, which included discussion on program issues. The acoustics in the dining room are very loud so staff will be more mindful of the types of entertainment booked in the room. Senior participants are launching a second Paper Plate Campaign to promote awareness of Federal funding cuts in senior nutrition programs across the country. Irvine's nutrition programs have remained stable. The Holiday Meals on Wheels fundraising Campaign has been launched and \$10,000 has been received by Pacific Life for the Congregate Nutrition program. The National Charity League raised over \$13,000 for the Meals on Wheels program

C. Donor Committee

Social Services Supervisor Conger encouraged all Senior Council members to participate in the holiday luncheon on December 18.

D. Leadership Committee – No report.

Chair Wong announced new committee assignments will be discussed at the January 16, 2014 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sara Smith:

- Invited meeting attendees to visit any one of the senior clubs to experience the multitude of activities and services first-hand.

- Encouraged everyone to volunteer with gift bag preparation and deliveries. These visits are extremely appreciated by the recipients.

Yaddi Mohammad:

- A volunteer of the Lakeview Senior Center and active NEDA member shared difficulties with affordable housing assistance in Irvine.

Massy Alavi:

- Spoke about the need for benches at public bus stops.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 1. MINUTES

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Ranjbar, to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on October 17, 2013.

Ayes: 4 Choi, Jacobs, Ranjbar, Wong  
 Noes: 0  
 Abstained: 2 Inmon, Perdue  
 Absent: 1 Klein

### 2. SENIOR COUNCIL FACILITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Inmon, to approve Senior Citizens Council Facilities Committee recommendations of facility improvements, not necessarily in priority order, and forward to City Council for consideration during the FY 2014-15 budget development process.

Discussion included: Criteria for Capital Improvement Projects and facility maintenance and repair; process for seeking participant input on projects of priority; requests to review copies of design plans.

Ayes: 5 Choi, Inmon, Jacobs, Perdue, Wong  
 Noes: 0  
 Abstained: 1 Ranjbar  
 Absent: 1 Klein

**3. SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ACTION:** Motion made by Councilmember Choi, seconded by Councilmember Inmon, to approve the Senior Citizens Council Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2014.

Ayes:	6	Choi, Inmon, Jacobs, Perdue, Ranjbar, Wong
Noes:	0	
Abstained:	0	
Absent:	1	Klein

**END COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

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**P K WONG, CHAIR**

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ATHENA MARTINEZ  
Recording Secretary

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Date