



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

February 20, 2014

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 February 20, 2014, 9:03 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	CAROLYN INMON
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN
COUNCILMEMBER	DONALD PERDUE
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR
VICE CHAIR	GRETA JACOBS
CHAIR	PK WONG

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Perdue

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Perdue

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini announced new front counter staff at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers:
 - a. Julie Kerns, Office Assistant I
 - b. Lissy Mazraani, Office Assistant I
 - c. Brendan Hall was promoted to Community Services Senior Leader at Rancho Senior Center.

2. Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger made the following staff introductions:
 - a. Karen Bunnell, Community Services Senior Leader - Meals on Wheels
 - b. Michael Andersen, Kitchen Assistant II
 - c. Gloria Cedillo, Lead Cook
 - d. Connie Larr Office Assistant II, Keen Center for Senior Resources

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Recording Secretary made verbal corrections to typographical errors on the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Award

Supervisor Conger presented award to Jason and Lilly Low, owners of Donut Star, for their weekly support of the Bingo program.

2. Senior Services Strategic Plan, Year One Outcomes

Community Services Superintendent Sheila Driscoll provided a PowerPoint presentation with handouts highlighting successful, first year outcomes of the Senior Services Strategic Plan.

3. Program Update

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

Metrolink Excursion on March 20 and benefits to being a Gold Card member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Wall of Recognition

Superintendent Driscoll gave a brief summary of the program and indicated names of those being recognized for 2013 will be announced at the March 11 City Council meeting and shared with Senior Council at their March 20 meeting.

2. Community Housing Forum for Developmental Disabilities Update

Superintendent Driscoll reported on the public comments shared at the January 20 Community Housing Forum.

3. State of the City 2014

Superintendent Driscoll announced the Mayor's annual State of the City address has been set for February 25 at 6 p.m., with a reception preceding it at 5 p.m. All are encouraged to attend.

4. Coyote Activity

Superintendent Driscoll shared information posted on the City's website about recent coyote activity, specifically in the Woodbridge area.

5. Distinguished Services Awards Program

Superintendent Driscoll provided a brief summary on the purpose and criteria of the program and encouraged nominations from the Council.

6. Volunteer Recognition Event, April 2014

Supervisor Kaleikini announced the event has been scheduled for Friday, April 11 from 3-6 p.m. and will be "under the sea/ocean" themed.

7. Federal Budget Sequestration Update

Supervisor Conger reported that in mid-January, Congress passed a bill to restore Older Americans Act Elderly Nutrition program funding to 2012 levels. Staff is still waiting to hear on the specifics of this bill and determine the direct impacts to City programs. A Farm Bill was also passed and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds will also be designated for senior programs. Details will be shared when they become known.

8. Transportation Services Guide

Supervisor Conger referred to handout provided in meeting packet.

9. TrueNeighbors Village

Supervisor Conger referenced an article in the OC Register (to be mailed to Councilmembers) and reported that membership is now at 210. A "Spring Fling" makeover event has been scheduled for March at The Meadows and will include haircuts, manicures, massages, etc. An outdoor makeover event will occur in May, also at The Meadows, and will include tasks such as cleaning of mobile home exteriors, landscaping projects and other items.

10. Mayors for Meals, March 3, 2014

Supervisor Conger reported Councilmembers Choi and Ranjbar have committed to a ride-along meal service for this event and invited all Councilmembers to participate.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:05 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:25 a.m.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Inmon shared a positive experience at Pretend City which provides fun, interactive learning opportunities for young children.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letters in packet referenced.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported the IADHS volunteer event is scheduled for April 25, and their annual fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, October 4 and will once again include a casino night. Events for this year will be focused on IADHS 20th anniversary celebrations.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Co-President Wong reported the Chinese New Year celebration was a success with over 200 in attendance. Fees were raised to \$15 this year due to higher costs associated with the event, and a donation of \$2,000 in excess funds was made to Senior Services programs.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association

Activities Co-chair Jacobs reported that the speaker scheduled for February to speak on Morocco was involved in a vehicle accident on her way to the event, so Morocco will be rescheduled for a later date. Topics coming up are: Japan in March; Egypt in April; Sweden in May; a larger program highlighting Japan in July. Supervisor Kaleikini welcomed suggestions for other cultures to be highlighted to continue the celebration of diversity.

D. Friends of Outreach

Member Jacobs reported the Bingo program is doing very well and the new Bingo board has been received. Another restaurant fundraiser is being planned and details will be shared once known.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers

Representative Natalie Chaikin provided a brief summary of the Club's purpose. The group is a non-profit organization made up entirely of volunteers, and annual donations are made to Senior Services. The annual Travel Show was held on February 14 and had over 200 attendees, with over 40 raffle prizes available. A new Board has been installed for 2014, and meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

F. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Massy Alavi reported the monthly meeting will be held this evening, and the Norwuz New Year celebration has been set for March 14. NEDA will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in August.

G. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association – No report.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Vice Chair Jacobs reported a presentation on the PACE program was made. There will be a South County Senior Summit on March 21 at 9 a.m. in Laguna Woods. Councilmember Choi submitted an application to serve on SCAC.

B. Health and Nutrition – No report.

C. Housing / Transportation

Vice Chair Jacobs reported on an Affordable Housing presentation made by Gary Frazier and suggested this be brought to the Council as well. Councilmember Perdue reported the concept of repurposing unused facilities, such as vacant motels or other structures, was very impressive.

D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Donor Committee

Supervisor Conger reported the Committee is beginning outreach efforts to develop relationships with service clubs.

B. Facilities Committee

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the purpose and responsibilities of the Committee are being reviewed. A list of completed projects from the past five years was shared.

C. Nutrition Committee

Supervisor Conger reported the next meeting is will be at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26.

D. Leadership Committee

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the next meeting will be at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 3 at Rancho Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yaddi Mohammad made the following comments:

- The multipurpose rooms at Lakeview Senior Center seem too small for some of the meetings held in them.
- Inquired if there was a toaster in the kitchen as the bread served should be toasted.
- Provided an update on his housing situation.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Motion made by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Klein and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on January 16, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Inmon, Jacobs, Klein, Perdue, Ranjbar, Wong
Nos: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 1 Choi

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:25 a.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014.



P K WONG
CHAIR



ATHENA MARTINEZ
Recording Secretary

3-20-14

Date