

## **MINUTES**

# IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 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 May 15, 2014, 9:06 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### **ABSENT:**

COUNCILMEMBER COUNCILMEMBER CHARLIE CHOI JANET KLEIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Ranjbar

#### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Led by Councilmember Ranjbar in memory of the passing of former Councilmember Kathleen Pfeiffer's stepson.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

None

None

#### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Supportive Housing for Senior Citizens...and Others

Speakers: Gary Frazier, Acacia Housing; Adriana Bermudez, SeniorServ; Tobi Aclaro, Grandma's House of Hope.

Guest speakers provided information with handouts regarding three affordable housing properties geared toward seniors, developmentally disabled and families.

## 2. Program Update

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Senior Services Town Hall Recap

Superintendent Driscoll reported there were 42 attendees at the May 7 town hall meeting. Community Development Senior Planner Amy Mullay provided information on low-income housing. The highlights report for year one outcomes of the Senior Strategic Plan were distributed. Input and feedback was received from attendees regarding marketing and notices of services and events.

2. Northwood Memorial Gratitude and Honor Ceremony, May 25

Superintendent Driscoll announced the Northwood Memorial Day event is scheduled for Sunday, May 25 at 4 p.m.

3. City of Irvine Memorial Day Event, May 26

Superintendent Driscoll announced the City's Memorial Day event is scheduled for Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m. at Col. Bill Barber Park.

## 4. David Sills Lower Peters Canyon Park Dedication, May 31

Superintendent Driscoll announced the Lower Peters Canyon Park dedication and renaming in honor of David Sills is scheduled for Saturday, May 31 at 3 p.m. The park is located at 3901 Farwell Avenue in Irvine.

## 5. 2/11 Car Wash Fundraiser, May 31

Superintendent Driscoll announced the 2/11 Battalion's car wash fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center parking lot.

## 6. Gold Card Program Update

Supervisor Ed Kaleikini reported there are 563 active Gold Card members. The annual fee is \$10 and membership benefits include reduced fees for the Fitness Center and Computer Lab and priority registration for certain classes at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

Councilmember Ranjbar suggested an English Tea in the Lakeview Senior Center Rose Garden to serve as a marketing opportunity for Senior Services.

Councilmember Inmon suggested intergenerational events and activities as a potential marketing opportunity as many youth serve as translators for their elder family members.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### **RECESS**

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:33 a.m.

#### **RECONVENE**

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:52 a.m.

#### COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

## 1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

## A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported the Volunteer Recognition event in April was a great success. IADHS received an individual donation with a corporate match and funds used to purchase an AED machine for the center, as well as four new computers and upgrades for 13 existing computers. An additional donation had been received for the purchase of a flat screen television. IADHS is working with City staff on facility maintenance projects, including a new kitchen sink, new awning for the entrance and new bathroom counter tops and sinks. Enrollments are holding steady. An open house is being planned in July for the Center's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Co-President PK Wong reported he and Co-President Clara Lin represented IECSA at the Wall of Recognition reception, and Chairman Peter Chan also received individual recognition. Election of Board Officers will be held soon, and a Living Trust presentation is scheduled for an upcoming meeting.

## C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA)

Member Greta Jacobs reported the April event was well attended and the June event will highlight Morocco. A large Japanese event is planned for July 19 to include a tea ceremony, drummers, traditional food and dance. August will highlight Mexico. Irvine Global Village meetings begin this month, therefore September and October meetings will focus on this event. Councilmember Ranjbar will provide a presentation on France in November. IMA was also honored at the Wall of Recognition reception. Chair Wong reported Vice Chair Jacobs and her husband Al were honored for their individual contributions.

## D. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Member Jacobs reported totals are still pending for the Chili's fundraiser held on April 9 and the Cookie Lee Jewelry fundraiser. An afghan is being made for the July 3 fundraiser and proceeds will be used to purchase special yarn for chemo caps.

- E. Irvine Senior Travelers No report.
- F. NEDA Association of Iranian American Seniors No report.
- G. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

Vice Chair Jacobs announced the Korean Festival is scheduled for May 17 at the Civic Center.

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

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Vice Chair Jacobs reported meetings were focused on elections.

- B. Health and Nutrition No report.
- C. Housing / Transportation

Vice Chair Jacobs reported on efforts to help end homelessness. The City of Lake Forest is working on mental health issues for seniors. Reports show that seniors on multiple medications may have adverse reactions and outbursts due to these combinations. These individuals are often reported to police and treated with a mental health issue, as opposed to a reaction to medications. An ombudsman program is needed in Orange County's jails to assist with these cases.

D. Legislative - No report.

#### 3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

#### A. Donor Committee

Councilmember Inmon reported outreach to service clubs continues. The Exchange Club was very receptive to Senior Services presentation.

#### B. Facilities Committee

Supervisor Kaleikini reported on recent meeting with Public Works staff and provided list of completed projects, proposed projects for 2014 and facility improvements proposed for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

#### C. Nutrition Committee

Councilmember Ranjbar reported on information received regarding healthier choices in sugar and flour substitutes.

## D. Leadership Committee

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the May 1 meeting was well attended and all groups were represented. This Committee is a great forum for all groups to share what they are doing and to help keep lines of communications open for event planning and facility use. Meetings will be held quarterly.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### 1. MINUTES

**ACTION**: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Ranjbar and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on April 17, 2014.

Ayes:

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Inmon, Jacobs, Perdue, Ranjbar, Wong

Noes:

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Absent:

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Choi, Klein

#### **END COUNCIL BUSINESS**

ADJOURNMENT at 12:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

P K WONG, CHAIR

Athena Martinez

**Recording Secretary** 

Date