



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 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 at 9 a.m. on June 19, 2014, 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 (<i>arrived at 9:15 a.m.</i>)
VICE CHAIR	GRETA JACOBS
CHAIR	PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chair Wong

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Wong led a moment of silence in memory of senior participant, Ms. Toshiko Osaki and of the victims and families of the shootings in Oregon.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Senior Services Marketing Program

Community Services Program Coordinator Lydie Gutfeld and Community Services Senior Leader Cheri Hierbaum provided a presentation with related handouts. Discussion included: marketing methods; advertising with external entities; process and cost for newsletter subscriptions.

Senior Council members commended staff on a very impressive and thorough marketing program.

2. Program Update

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Orange County Aging Services Collaboration Survey

Councilmember Perdue reported on the Alzheimer's information shared at the meeting, and Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger announced details about the collaborative's survey being conducted.

2. Council on Aging Benefits Enrollment Check-up Program

Supervisor Conger reported the program is provided to assist in connecting eligible seniors with Medicare benefit programs available to them.

3. Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series

Community Services Superintendent Sheila Driscoll announced dates, times and performers for the concert series held at Mike Ward Community Park Woodbridge.

4. City Cooling Stations

Superintendent Driscoll reported during heat waves, the Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers are designated as cooling stations for residents to avoid the heat.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Perdue requested a review of the Senior Citizens Council Bylaws be included on the July meeting agenda for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wong requested that audience members unknown to Senior Council introduce themselves. Scott Greenberg, Council Executive Assistant to Councilmember Shea, introduced himself.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson distributed the new IADHS marketing brochure. Resident “Memories in the Making” artists have provided releases for their artwork to be sold during the silent auction at the annual October fundraiser. New bathroom sinks/countertops and kitchen cabinets and countertops, as well as entry awnings were installed June 14 and 15. Thank you to the City for completing these projects.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Co-President PK Wong reported IECSA will be hosting a 25th anniversary event on June 21, where all members will receive a commemorative water bottle and a commemorative album is in the works. A dragon boat and dumpling festival is also being planned for a future date.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA)

Chair Maria Yousef reported a substitute film was showed due to a cancellation by the scheduled presenter. A large event highlighting Japan is scheduled for July 19 and many activities have been planned. August will highlight India, and an Iranian movie will be shown in September. October will be dark to focus on Irvine Global Village Festival.

D. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Kathleen Pfeiffer reported FOO is preparing for an upcoming fiscal audit. Planning has begun for FOO's 30th anniversary celebration in 2015. July 3 is the last day to purchase raffle tickets for the various prizes to be awarded at the July 4 luncheon. Councilmember Larry Agran donated \$500 for special needs projects, such as in-home emergency response systems and Councilmember Beth Krom donated \$1,000 toward services related to Irvine multicultural outreach. FOO has 100 tickets available for the July 15 and 16 Pageant of the Masters event. The Crafter's craft cart had a half-off sale from June 3 through 19.

E. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors

Member Massy Alavi reported new member Siavash Azari has brought new energy to NEDA and the group is moving forward well.

F. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

Member Charlie Choi reported the group remains active with regular monthly meetings. Korean line dancing classes are now offered five days a week and each has great attendance. The choir now has 40 members. The Korean Festival held in May at the Civic Center had approximately 5,000 in attendance.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 9:55 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:15 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diane Cotto, Community Development CDBG Consultant, announced the City is currently in the process of preparing the new Consolidated Plan for program years, FY 2015-16 through FY 2019-20. The plan outlines strategies to address housing, community and economic needs of the City's low and moderate-income residents over the next five years. She will be providing a workshop at Lakeview following the Senior Council meeting to receive input from residents, and the survey may also be completed online on the City's website.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Ranjbar stated she has not received meeting communications therefore has not attended. SCAC Member Charlie Choi reported the meeting was held in Mission Viejo and was impressed by the Mission Viejo Senior Center.

B. Health and Nutrition

SCAC Member Charlie Choi reported June 18 meeting topic was on medications and contraindications. A good way to avoid adverse reactions is to have all your prescriptions filled at the same pharmacy so the pharmacist can advise of potential problems.

C. Housing / Transportation

Vice Chair Jacobs reported a presentation on active transportation was given. The County has received funding to connect bike trails between cities. Chair Wong reported the expansion of the bike trail network will eventually connect Orange County cities to all of southern California. Other topics discussed were: sidewalk ADA compliance; encouragement of

pedestrian use of transit systems; auto sharing programs in other states; bicycle usage in Irvine shopping centers.

D. Legislative

Councilmember Inmon reported the June 16 Legislative committee meeting also included information on transportation issues discussed above, and additional items were: correlation between high bicycle usage in cities and their rating as “fit” cities; cost of bicycles and related equipment; bike rental/sharing programs in other cities. Other meeting topics included Long Term Care insurance and increasing costs. Councilmember Inmon has been selected as a voting member of the SCAC Legislative Committee.

At this time, Irvine Senior Travelers representative Natalie Chaikin reported a new 13 day riverboat cruise from Paris to Normandie in March, 2015 is now being offered through Grand Circle Travel. Cost is \$3,756 for double occupancy and includes airfare.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Donor Committee

Supervisor Conger reported the Federal grant allocation funding for Fiscal Year 2014-15 has been announced and National Charity League, Inc. was awarded CDBG funds of \$18,600 for 2014-2015.

B. Facilities Committee

Councilmember Perdue reported on his attendance at a recent City Council meeting to speak during public comment regarding the need for improvements to and expansion of Lakeview Senior Center. The City Manager is to develop a list of citywide priorities and report back to City Council at a later date. Councilmember Perdue raised concerns regarding possible non-ADA compliant items at Lakeview Senior Center and requested results of a recent ADA walk through of Lakeview Senior Center. Chair Wong reported improvements to the front entrance of Lakeview Senior Center are near completion.

C. Nutrition Committee

Councilmember Ranjbar reported nutrition staff is very organized and dedicated to proper nutrition of seniors through portion control and monitoring of daily recommended allowances. She would like to see gradual introduction of GMO-free and organic products. The service the volunteers provide is very impressive and many have been active for a long time. Councilmember Ranjbar requested to meet with volunteers at least quarterly to give them an opportunity to provide input and to express appreciation for their efforts. Vice Chair Jacobs reported on some of the challenges faced by volunteers and offered suggestions for reminding patrons of the great work the volunteers provide.

D. Leadership Committee

Supervisor Conger reported the next meeting is scheduled for July 10 at 9:30 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Klein and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on May 15, 2014.

Ayes: 6 Inmon, Jacobs, Klein, Perdue, Ranjbar, Wong


Noes: 0

Absent: 0


ADJOURNMENT at 11:07 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014.



P K WONG, CHAIR



Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary



Date