

MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2015

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 January 15, 2015, 9:02 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER

VACANT

COUNCILMEMBER

STAN JONES

COUNCILMEMBER

KATHY LEE

COUNCILMEMBER

DONALD PERDUE

COUNCILMEMBER

SIMA RANJBAR

VICE CHAIR

GRETA JACOBS

CHAIR

PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wong.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Led by Chair Wong in memory of those who perished in the December 28, 2014 Asia Airlines crash and the victims of the January 2015 shootings in Paris, France.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Wong welcomed new Senior Councilmember Stan Jones, appointee of City Councilmember Lynn Schott, and offered Councilmember Jones the opportunity to provide a brief introduction.

Community Services Acting Program Coordinator Andrew Chen introduced new Community Services Leader III Melanie McGrane, a former longtime volunteer now employed with the City. It was also announced that Victoria Heidelman was recently appointed as Community Services Senior Leader.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks Master Plan Presentation – Senior Planner Lana Weiss

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Senior Planner Weiss. Discussion included: City involvement in/jurisdiction over private parks; timeline and directive of Master Plan development; Master Plan role in General Plan; inclusion of Orange County Great Park; standards used to develop assessment and recommendations.

2. Program Update

Program Coordinator Lydie Gutfeld provided updates on programs and upcoming events at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Friends of Outreach 30th Anniversary Celebration

Friends of Outreach Vice President Maria Yousef announced the group's 30th anniversary celebration is scheduled for January 29, 2015 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. To commemorate this 30 year milestone, a combined donation of \$30,000 will be presented - \$20,000 to the City's Senior Services Special Needs program and \$10,000 to Irvine Adult Day Health Services.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

None.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson thanked Friends of Outreach (FOO) for their \$10,000 commitment to the IADHS scholarship fund. Over the past 20 years, FOO has gifted IADHS close to \$20,000. At the conclusion of the Orange County United Way three-year grant funding cycle, a 10 year strategic plan launched which rendered IADHS ineligible for further funding. However, United Way added additional monies for senior programs, and IADHS will be awarded a two-year funding grant, \$30,000 per year, which will be dedicated to the skilled nursing component.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Co-President PK Wong reported IECSA is growing, reflected by 10 new members added at the last meeting. The January 17 program includes a performance by the Galaxy Youth Orchestra, and the Chinese New Year celebration is scheduled for February 25. The Monday morning sing-a-long sessions are very popular, and IECSA is looking to develop additional programs such as calligraphy, photography, etc.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA)

Chair Maria Yousef reported the December Holiday Social was very well attended and a great success. The January movie event had low attendance. February's program will include a presentation by the Bowers Museum on China's lost civilization and current exhibit titled "The Mystery of Sanxingdui". The March movie event will feature "Shakespeare in Love". Future programs will include presentations on Vienna and Amsterdam dates to be determined.

D. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Vice President Maria Yousef reported the City of Irvine Community Partnership Fund has awarded FOO with a \$1,000 grant. Bingo is doing well and attendance is growing again. Crafters, 40-50 members strong, made over 1,250 knit caps for cancer patients in 2014. John Rogers donated over \$800 from pen sale proceeds in 2014. The holiday gift bag distribution in December went well and thank you cards have come in from recipients. Fundraisers at Chili's restaurant have been scheduled for April 9 and June 11.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

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

Member Kathy Lee reported the program for the January 15 meeting will include information on economic trends and recovery. IKEA's inaugural event has been scheduled, additional details to follow. Many classes have been created and IKEA is now researching space to provide them. Tuesday morning socials have over 20 in attendance each week and the group ends each social with a walk around the lake to build further rapport. IKEA has been reformed and has a new Board in place.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Vice Chair Jacobs attended the meeting in Tustin and program focused on elections.

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

Barbara Collins from the CalOptima PACE program reported the scheduled elections were postponed to the February meeting. A presentation on the Anaheim Regional Transportation Center was given and the 2015 speaker list was developed.

D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Donor Committee

Supervisor Conger reported no meeting was held, and announced the holiday fundraising campaign was very successful.

B. Facilities Committee

Councilmember Perdue reported the kitchen remodel at Rancho Senior Center is about to commence. A tour of the project scope was conducted and additional comments were provided to Program Coordinator Gutfeld. A meeting will be scheduled with City contractor Mark Baren, to also include Chair Wong and Councilmember Perdue, to review the lighting and sound issues of Lakeview Senior Center auditorium. Further review is needed regarding replacement of existing donor wall. Discussion also included the redesign of Geezer's Gulch to provide a more social environment for both senior center and park patrons. The City's civil engineer consultant has developed a proposal of recommendations for the Lakeview Senior Center patio project. Lakeview Senior Center work stations project has been completed. Councilmember Perdue proposed that a matrix be developed to track, monitor and communicate progress with the Facilities Committee. Chair Wong requested follow-up on Windows upgrades for the computer lab.

At this time, Irvine Senior Travelers member Lynn Morgan reported officers for 2015 remain the same as last year. Donations of \$2,500 were given to Services for the purchase and installation of new white boards, \$500 given to IADHS and \$200 to FOO. The annual travel show is scheduled for February 13 and many exciting trips are coming up.

C. Nutrition Committee

Councilmember Lee reported that the Meals on Wheels program is growing. Supervisor Conger reported staff is in the process of preparing a grant application for the next four year cycle of Federal funding. In partnership with National Charity League, a Community Development Block Grant application was submitted for funding for Meals on Wheels.

D. Leadership Committee

Councilmember Lee reported she attended the meeting for the first time and was very impressed that the 2015 event calendar had already been developed - looking to see how IKEA can be more involved. Supervisor Conger announced the first quarterly meeting of 2015 was very well attended. The Senior Services staff organizational chart was reviewed to provide groups with a better understanding of who to contact for various activities and services. The 2015 Special Events calendar was reviewed and senior demographic and population growth information was also shared.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Ranjbar and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on November 20, 2014.

Ayes:

6 Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Ranibar, Wong

Noes:

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Absent:

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Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:26 a.m.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2. SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX

Superintendent Driscoll presented the staff report and Senior Council Subcommittee recommendations to revised implementation matrix and responded to questions.

Discussion included: staffing and funding impacts of Year 4 and 5 recommendations; possible tasks to help meet goals.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs and carried unanimously to approve Senior Council Subcommittee recommendations for modifications to the Senior Services Strategic Plan Implementation Matrix for years 2015-2017.

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Ranjbar, Wong

Noes:

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Absent:

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ADJOURNMENT at 11:14 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015.

P.K. WONG, CHAIR

Athena Martinez

Recording Secretary

Date