

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL AND SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

March 19, 2015

Lakeview Senior Center 20 Lake Road Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

A regular meeting the Irvine Senior Citizens Council was called to order on March 19, 2015, 9:01 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Wong presiding.

ROLL CALL – IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

COUNCILMEMBER:

STAN JONES

COUNCILMEMBER:

KATHY LEE

COUNCILMEMBER:

DONALD PERDUE

VICE CHAIR:

GRETA JACOBS

CHAIR:

PK WONG

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER:

SIMA RANJBAR

RECESS

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council was recessed at 9:02 a.m. in order to convene to a special joint meeting with the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board.

CONVENE TO THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL AND THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

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ROLL CALL – IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD*

BOARDMEMBER: JULIE GARCIA

BOARDMEMBER: DAVID GIBBONS

BOARDMEMBER: KIMBERLY JEWELL

ABSENT

BOARDMEMBER: MEENA CHOCKALINGAM

BOARDMEMBER: ANDREA DRAYER
BOARDMEMBER: GREGORY FELIX
BOARDMEMBER: FRAN GUSTIN

BOARDMEMBER: PAUL HARVEY

BOARDMEMBER: DENNIS NIGGL

BOARDMEMBER: RICHARD ROBERT

BOARDMEMBER: JAMES SHIN

BOARDMEMBER: BARBARA STERN VICE CHAIR ERIK ST. AMANT

CHAIR JUNE McLAUGHLIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Councilmember Perdue

^{*} A quorum of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board was not present; however, the agenda for the special joint meeting was considered by the Irvine Senior Citizens Council.

1. JOINT SENIOR COUNCIL AND BOARD BUSINESS**

** As previously noted, a quorum of the Irvine Residents with Disabilities Advisory Board was not present; however, the agenda for the special joint meeting was considered by the Irvine Senior Citizens Council.

1.1 SENIOR CITIZEN AND EQUAL ACCESS FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent Sheila Driscoll introduced Community Development Senior Planner Lana Weiss who gave a brief summary of the Parks and Facilities Master Plan development timeline and scope. Senior Planner Weiss introduced Jose Rodriguez of MIG, who led the focus group discussion.

Discussion included needs for: durable design that will remain relevant, areas designed with the older patron in mind (quiet spaces, gardens, etc.); self-directed recreational/exercise areas; more seating along walking paths in shaded areas; areas that promote socializing/gathering; water features; interactive devices/tools for mentally disabled, not just physically disabled; inclusive parks for all ages and physical limitations; ample disabled parking; facility capacities to meet growth in demand; adequate marketing of parks and facilities; weekend transportation access to social activities; commonality/consistency of regional, neighborhood and community park system; functionality of new/existing space to include more than ADA requires; consideration of furniture size related to walkers, wheelchairs and other mobility devices; athletic parks to be more easily accessible to disabled; loading/staging areas of paratransit vehicles; bike lockers; handicap push-buttons for opening of doors; basketball court for wheelchair play; wheelchair accessible picnic tables; additional pools to accommodate wheelchairs; flooring for visually challenged; accessible parking access from streets; art or kiosks to highlight history of Irvine as the City ages; parks built for specific use (archery, BMX bicycles, ping pong, etc.); heated indoor pool; Wi-Fi accessibility; family restrooms to allow for companion assistance to seniors/disabled; cafes or snack bars in parks; equipment to support specialized activities; adequate signage; horticulture to include educational signage; integration of multi-generational activities; more dedicated space for senior nutrition program; and safe surfaces on walking/hiking trails for wheelchair/disabled with signage to indicate location and access.

Received and filed by the Irvine Senior Citizens Council. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kimberly Beeson, Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS) Executive Director, thanked the Senior Council for the opportunity to address the needs of seniors and IADHS clients.

Lynn Rudy, IADHS Board Chair, thanked the Senior Council for the opportunity to address the shared needs of the senior and disabled communities.

ADJOURNMENT - SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL AND THE IRVINE RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD

By consensus of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council, the Special Joint Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

RECESS

Chair Wong called for a brief recess at 10:17 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Chair Wong reconvened to the regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Council at 10:39 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on February 19, 2015.

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Wong

Noes:

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Absent:

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Ranjbar

At this time, NEDA member Massy Alavi invited anyone interested to attend the Nowruz-Iranian New Year Celebration scheduled for March 26, 2015 at the Tee Room in Newport Beach from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2. SENIOR SERVICES BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

Superintendent Driscoll provided the staff report and a presentation on the proposed Senior Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 and responded to Senior Council questions.

Discussion included: actual versus in-kind costs; expenditure of donated funds; one-time expenses associated with new Trabuco Center; Title III grant award projections and approval/funding timeline; sufficient staffing to accommodate demand for senior services.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Perdue and carried unanimously to recommend to City Council to approve Fiscal Year 2015-16 Senior Services Budget.

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Wong

Noes:

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Absent:

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Ranjbar

ADJOURNMENT at 11:13 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

P K WONG, CHAIR

March 19, 2015

Athena Martinez

Recording Secretary

Date