

## **MINUTES**

# IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 18, 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 June 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Wong presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

COUNCILMEMBER

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COUNCILMEMBER VICE CHAIR

VICE CHAIR

CHAIR

STAN JONES

KATHY LEE

**DONALD PERDUE\*\*** 

SIMA RANJBAR\*

**GRETA JACOBS** 

PK WONG

\* arrived at 9:04 a.m.

\*\* left at 10:00 a.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini announced appointments of Gavin Shu and David Bautista, both appointed as Community Services Leader II.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. Distinguished Service Awards

Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger presented awards to Dan Myers, Bert Sherron and Betty Sherron for their dedicated service to the Meals on Wheels program. Shep and Pam Novak have moved out of the area and their awards will be mailed to them. Dan Myers accepted the award on behalf of his wife Jean Myers.

### 2. Program Update

Program Coordinator Lydie Gutfeld provided updates on programs and upcoming events at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers. Information regarding the launch of the City's new website was also provided.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 1. Irvine Global Village Festival, Application Period

Supervisor Kaleikini distributed Save the Date cards for the event and is seeking volunteers to work in the Human Services booth promoting senior services and programs.

## 2. Trabuco Center Update

Supervisor Kaleikini provided a pictorial presentation highlighting progress made of the new center's construction. Superintendent Sheila Driscoll reported the child care facility neighboring the new senior center will be non-City operated, leased by The Irvine Company to a Montessori provider.

## 3. State of Aging in Orange County

Supervisor Conger announced this annual event scheduled for July 24 at Laguna Woods and a handout with details.

## 4. One Care Connect, Cal MediConnect Plan

Supervisor Conger announced the launch of this dual-enrollment program will occur on July 1 serving participants who receive both Medi-Cal and Medicare benefits.

## 5. Housing Forum Updates

Supervisor Conger reported three affordable housing workshops are scheduled as follows:

- July 23, 2015 at the Bethel Korean Church
- August 13, 2015 at Irvine Civic Center
- August 27, 2015 at the Chinese Cultural School

#### 6. Farmers' Market Vouchers

Supervisor Conger reported the City received 200 voucher booklets from the County, with 170 distributed to date. Each booklet is a \$20 value and can be obtained through Program Coordinator Kim May.

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

#### COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Ranjbar reported she received an email from a constituent regarding issues with the sound system in the dining room at Lakeview Senior Center. Supervisor Kaleikini will follow up with the constituent.

Chair Wong reported he has received several robo-calls claiming affiliation with the Internal Revenue Service making demands for payment. This is a proven scam and seniors should be aware of these calls and not provide any personal or financial information. Program Coordinator Gutfeld announced staff is developing a list of fraudulent calls which will be included in a future senior newsletter edition to make seniors aware of such activity.

#### COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

## 1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

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

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported IADHS will have a booth at the Irvine Global Village Festival to promote the center's services. An invitation was distributed to Senior Councilmembers for the July 20 chorale event feature The Tremble Clefs, an ensemble made up entirely of individuals with Parkinson's Disease and their caregivers. IADHS was awarded a grant from Hoag in the amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year

2015-16. This is an increase of \$25,000 from previous grant awards. Funds will be used for IADHS transportation programs.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Co-President Wong reported IECSA held annual elections and the Board is in place. IECSA has submitted the vendor application for the Irvine Global Village Festival.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA)

Vice Chair Jacobs reported there were sound issues during the June IMA event. Future programs include the movie, My Mother's Castle, in July and Norway will be featured in September. Councilmember Ranjbar reported the program for the remainder of the year was reviewed and plans for attracting more presenters are in the works.

D. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Vice Chair Jacobs reported tickets for Pageant of the Masters will be available for \$10 for shows on July 21 and July 27. FOO will have an opportunity drawing at the July 2 Independence Day luncheon for a hand-carved pen or handmade blanket. Bingo and Crafters are doing well. Chair Wong thanked FOO for their recent \$3,000 donation to Senior Services.

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

#### **RECESS**

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 9:43 a.m.

#### RECONVENE

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

## A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Ranjbar reported a presentation and statistics relevant to seniors was made regarding the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community and issues faced such as fear of discrimination. Requests to replace lost or stolen Social Security cards can now be completed online.

#### B. Health and Nutrition

Vice Chair Jacobs reported the Committee is undergoing reorganization due to resignation of chair.

#### C. Housing and Transportation

Councilmember Lee reported a presentation by Steve Carpenter was given on fall prevention. Updates on housing developments in Santa Ana and Fullerton were also provided.

#### D. Legislative

Councilmember Ranjbar reported assembly and senate bills regarding pharmacy practices and end of life laws were moving through the assembly. A presentation on identity theft and scams was given. Councilmember Jones reported the presentation by the Orange County Sheriff's Department was very informational and materials collected were provided to the Keen Center for Senior Resources.

#### 3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

#### A. Facilities Committee

The parking lot area for Meals on Wheels staging is being assessed to streamline. The shade structure at Rancho Senior Center is scheduled for installation in August. New tables and chairs have been installed in the gulch area at Lakeview Senior Center, and the benches that were removed will be repurposed. New speakers for the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium were purchased and will be installed after July. The combination oven for the Lakeview Senior Center kitchen has been purchased and now pending selection of vendor to complete installation. The donor wall project is now with Public Works for completion. A work order to address the cement cracks at the entrance to Lakeview Senior Center has been submitted. The meeting rooms at Lakeview Senior Center will be numbered with large, visible signage to ease locating for patrons.

- B. Nutrition Committee No report.
- C. Leadership Committee Next meeting will be July 9 at 1:30 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Faridoon Karamati expressed concerns regarding registration process for Senior Splash classes at William Woollett Jr Aquatics Center and need for additional classes due to popularity.

Xiomara Hiller thanked staff for Carbon Monoxide alarms provided to residents of The Groves, and for all the volunteer time provided by the Senior Council in service to the senior community.

#### **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

#### 1. MINUTES

**ACTION**: Moved by Councilmember Ranjbar, seconded by Vice Chair Jacobs and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on May 21, 2015.

Ayes: 5 Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Ranjbar, Wong

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Perdue

#### 2. NAMING OF TRABUCO CENTER FOR SENIORS

Superintendent Driscoll presented the item and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: the use of the word "senior" and generational preference of using it or not; survey conducted in May and sharing of results; need to attract the younger senior in efforts to build a stronger core of young volunteer leaders to continue the succession of volunteer support.

**ACTION**: Moved by Vice Chair Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously to recommend to Community Services Commission the naming of the new senior center located within Planning Area 9A (Woodbury) the "Trabuco Center" with the tag line for marketing purposes "For Active Adults".

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Ranjbar, Wong

Noes:

0

Absent:

1 Perdue

ADJOURNMENT at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

PK WONG, CHAIR

Athena Martinez

**Recording Secretary** 

Date