

MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 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 July 16, 2015, 9:00 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Vice Chair Jacobs presiding.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER

STAN JONES

COUNCILMEMBER

KATHY LEE

COUNCILMEMBER

DONALD PERDUE

COUNCILMEMBER

SIMA RANJBAR

VICE CHAIR

GRETA JACOBS

ABSENT

CHAIR

PK WONG

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini announced Program Coordinator Lydie Gutfeld's resignation and congratulated her on her position with the City of Mission Viejo. Lydie's last day will be July 30, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Volunteer Program Update

Program Coordinator Laura Murphy, Community Services Senior Leader Victoria Heidelman and Community Services Leader III Yesenia Cervantes provided a presentation and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: need for additional bilingual volunteers; purpose of extensive training for CHAMPIONS volunteers; seasonal impacts to volunteer hours.

2. Program Update

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. County of Orange, Office on Aging, Federal Title III Older Americans Act Grant Award

Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger reported the County of Orange Office on Aging grant award was \$375,650 for Fiscal Year 2015-16. This increase of \$85,000 from the previous fiscal year is due to an increase in census figures for seniors living in Irvine.

2. Housing Forums

Supervisor Conger distributed a flier announcing three forums provided by Community Development and scheduled throughout the City. An additional flier providing information on Section 8 housing scams was also distributed. Councilmember Lee requested the Section 8 flier be translated in Korean.

3. New City of Irvine Website

Superintendent Sheila Driscoll announced the June launch of the City's new website. Staff will provide an interactive presentation at the next meeting to highlight access to Senior Services pages.

4. Trabuco Center Naming to Community Services Commission, August 5, 2015

Superintendent Driscoll announced the Senior Council recommendation from the June 18, 2015 meeting will go before the Community Services Commission at their August 5, 2015 meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Ranjbar suggested adding pictures from private rentals to the City's website to assist those seeking venues for events.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Vice Chair Jacobs announced upgrades to the IADHS entry were completed. Executive Director Kimberly Beeson announced a choral presentation by the Tremble Clefs is scheduled for July 20, 2015 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Plans for the October 24, 2015 Casino Night fundraiser event are in the works and save-the-date cards were distributed. Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian and the City have both committed to sponsorships of \$20,000 each, with match opportunities. Gift packs of eight note cards highlighting four pieces of art from the Memories in the Making art program have been created as a fundraiser and are for sale in the IADHS center. IADHS is actively seeking volunteers for programs and services.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Member Nancy Cheng reported the program on July 18, 2015 will include performances from dancing groups as well as a health presentation. A day trip to the Ronald Reagan Library is scheduled for July 23, 2015 at a cost of \$80 per person.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA)

Vice Chair Nancy Cheng reported attendance was good for the July 1, 2015 French film, "My Mother's Castle". Denmark will be the focus of the August 5, 2015 film "After the Wedding". IMA will be busy in September preparing for the Irvine Global Village Festival. Councilmember Ranjbar has been selected as the IMA Chair commencing January 2016.

D. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Kathleen Pfeiffer reported \$376 was raised from the July 2, 2015 Independence Day opportunity drawing. FOO will have a booth at the Summer Concerts in the Park. There is a new bingo banner temporarily displayed on the corner of Lake Road and Alton Parkway; a permanent location is being considered. Tickets for Pageant of the Masters are still available for \$10.

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

RECESS

Vice Chair Jacobs recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:02 a.m.

RECONVENE

Vice Chair Jacobs reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:22 a.m.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) -

Vice Chair Jacobs announced Councilmember Ranjbar is now an appointed SCAC Board member. Councilmember Ranjbar reported a presentation on fall and injury prevention was given and shared statistics.

B. Health and Nutrition

Vice Chair Jacobs reported a presentation was given on alcoholism among the senior population and shared statistics.

C. Housing and Transportation

No Committee report. Councilmember Ranjbar requested tax credit information as shared by the Housing and Transportation committee at the general SCAC meeting on July 10, 2015.

D. Legislative – No report. The next Legislative Committee meeting is July 20, 2015 and a report will be given at the August 20, 2015 Senior Council meeting.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

Supervisor Kaleikini reported Jewish Federation and Family Services has agreed to provide transportation for a nominal fee to the South County Senior Summit on July 24, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please advise Supervisor Kaleikini if interested in using this service.

A. Facilities Committee

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the following:

- A contractor has been selected to install the shade structure at Rancho Senior Center and work is scheduled for end of August.
- The flooring in both restrooms at the Lakeview Senior Center will be replaced. Councilmember Perdue requested additional information on this project be provided by Public Works staff.
- Fitness center equipment is being researched for the Trabuco Center to ensure safe and compatible usability for seniors.
- Improvements to the Lakeview Senior Center gulch area are complete with new tables, chairs and umbrellas. Vice Chair Jacobs requested that the chairs be secured nightly as she observed they were moved out of the area for the recent summer concert in Mike Ward Community Park Woodbridge.
- New speakers are ready for installation in the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium. The sound issue in the café has been found to be an electrical outlet capacity issue rather than equipment.
- Numbers to temporarily identify the rooms at the Lakeview Senior Center have been created and will be posted. A permanent system is being researched.
- Donor wall recommendations have been submitted to the City's contractor.
- Request to repair the cracks along the entryway of the Lakeview Senior Center has been submitted to Public Works.

B. Nutrition Committee

Supervisor Conger reported results of the annual Nutrition Program survey. Meals served at the Father's Day luncheon was 185, with 144 served at the Memorial Day luncheon and 143 served at the Independence Day luncheon. The new combination oven has arrived and installation will be scheduled. A comprehensive study was done to

review kitchen space and effective use and as a result, some equipment will be replaced to make the workable space more user and ergonomically-friendly. An evaluation of frequent Meals on Wheels cancellations is being done to streamline service and relieve the waitlist. Councilmember Perdue shared his support for researching options for an outdoor storage container to store Meals on Wheels coolers and program equipment. Councilmember Ranjbar suggested a rolling coffee cart be utilized for service in the garden after the café closes each afternoon to promote socialization. Vice Chair Jacobs commented on the poor conditions of the landscaping around the patio.

C. Leadership Committee

Councilmembers Jones reported the Billiards program has between 30 and40 users daily and although the room at times is overcrowded, the group is making it work. The fitness center at Rancho Senior Center has 267 registered participants, had a new sound system installed and now has a designated specialist trainer. The Crafters is seeking donations of specialized yarn to make chemo caps. Jewish Federation and Family Services is offering multicultural brain games to promote cognitive exercises.

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 June 18, 2015.

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Ranjbar

Noes:

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Absent:

Wong

2. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO APPROVE SELECTION OF PANEL FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE RECRUITMENT

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

Discussion included: qualifications of panel members; recruitment timeline.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Perdue, seconded by Councilmember Jones and carried unanimously to appoint Vice Chair Jacobs and Councilmember Ranjbar to serve on an ad hoc committee to approve the interview panel for recruitment and appointment of two Senior Citizens Council Members-at-Large.

Ayes:

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Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Perdue, Ranjbar

Noes:

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Absent:

1 Wong

ADJOURNMENT at 11:14 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015.

GRETA JACOBS/VICE CHAIR

Athena Martinez

Recording Secretary

Date