



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

April 21, 2016

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 April 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Jacobs presiding.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	STAN JONES
COUNCILMEMBER	KATHY LEE
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR
COUNCILMEMBER	BETTY JO WOOLLETT
COUNCILMEMBER	GARY YATES
VICE CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON
CHAIR	GRETA JACOBS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Kathy Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of James Flower, Community Services Leader II, will be done at a future meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

Community Services Senior Leader Victoria Heidelman presented this award to student representatives from Pacific Academy in recognition of providing over 300 volunteer hours at 18 various events.

2. Program Update

Community Services Program Coordinator Amber Castrey provided updates on programs and upcoming events at Trabuco Center and Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Woodbridge Village Shopping Center Renovation Update and Tour

Community Services Superintendent Sheila Driscoll announced Irvine Company Senior Vice President Mike Le Blanc invited Senior Council members and the public to meet him at the Woodbridge Village Shopping Center immediately after the meeting to view models of the upcoming renovation.

2. Survey for General Plan Update

Superintendent Driscoll announced the City is conducting an online survey to gather community input for Irvine's General Plan. The deadline to complete the survey is 11 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 and can be accessed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofirvine.org/news-media/news-article/irvine-2035-%E2%80%93-our-future>

3. Welcome Home Packages for the City of Irvine's Adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini announced opportunities to donate personal items for 220 returning marines at Camp Pendleton. Donation receptacles are located at the Civic Center, Public Safety and at the Orange County Great Park Visitors Center through Friday, April 29.

4. Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Proposed Bus Route Changes

Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger announced effective October, 2016, bus route 175 will be altered, no longer stopping on Lake Road and being redirected to Jeffrey Road. An OCTA Community Relations representative will provide a presentation at the May meeting regarding bus route changes.

5. South County Senior Summit

Supervisor Conger announced the annual South County Senior Summit will be held at Laguna Woods Village on Friday, May 20, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Reservations are required to attend this free event, and complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided.

6. Memorial Day Ceremonies

Superintendent Driscoll announced the following Memorial Day events:

- Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial Ceremony
Northwood Community Park
Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 4 p.m.
- City of Irvine Memorial Day Event
Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park
Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10 a.m.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

There were none.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

- A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services – No report.
- B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – No report.
- C. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Kathleen Pfeiffer reported a donation for the 2016 Holiday Gift Bag program has already been received. FOO is working on increasing presence at Trabuco Center.

- D. Irvine Senior Travelers – *Report provided later in the meeting.
- E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – **Report provided later in the meeting.
- F. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported he has taken the past three months to learn about IKEA's progress to date and his goal is to help IKEA thrive as a respectable organization. President Kim requested a copy of the Senior Services Strategic Plan to help ensure alignment of IKEA goals with the City's in service to seniors. IKEA is offering a new classical music appreciation class on Thursdays from 4:30-6 p.m. led by a trained opera singer. President Kim participated on a TRIPS ride and a Meals on Wheels delivery to learn more about the services offered, and thanked Senior Councilmember Lee and Program Coordinator Castrey for their assistance in connecting to services and programs.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Councilmember Ranjbar reported a presentation on senior abuse was provided and suggested this presentation be made at a future Senior Citizens Council meeting.

B. Health and Nutrition

Chair Jacobs reported a presentation on death with dignity was provided and suggested this presentation be made at a future Senior Citizens Council meeting.

C. Housing and Transportation

Councilmember Lee reported the Committee is pending until the Chair approves the plan. May is Bike and Walk Month.

D. Legislative

Councilmember Jones reported a video presentation was provided on the MSSP (Multipurpose Senior Services Program) to increase awareness of the need for funding for services to low-income, homebound seniors.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Councilmember Yates reported the status of various projects was shared and meetings are to be scheduled as needed.

B. Leadership Committee

Councilmember Jones reported:

- Medication reviews are held the last Friday of each month
- Lakeview Senior Center dining room carpeting will be replaced
- Trabuco Center will be available for rentals beginning in May
- Tax preparation assistance is being provided in the Keen Center
- Fair Housing consultation sessions are available to assist senior tenants with rental concerns
- A drowning prevention meeting with the Orange County Fire Authority was held on March 24 at Trabuco Center; cases involving seniors are among the top two highest reported incidents

* At this time, Natalie Chaikin reported on Irvine Senior Travelers activities and the many excursions scheduled for the remainder of 2016. Upcoming day trips include Casa Romantica on May 24 and Del Mar Race Track on August 4.

** At this time, Massy Alavi reported on NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors activities. The March NOWRUZ celebration was a success. A meeting will be held this evening with a speaker from 6-8 p.m. followed by dancing.

C. Nutrition Committee

Supervisor Conger announced the next meeting will be on May 10 at 9:30 a.m at Lakeview Senior Center.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Itavi Freydooni spoke on behalf of her mother, Parichehr Namdar, a local artist known for discovering a new painting technique. Both are seeking assistance with finding a place to display Ms. Namdar’s art pieces, and perhaps opportunities for her to teach this technique.

Deborah Miller spoke about the importance of physical exercise as it relates to cognitive health and the various upcoming workshops and trials offered through University California, Irvine.

At this time, Supervisor Conger announced City Council will honor several seniors during the Wall of Recognition ceremony scheduled for May 24.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Woollett and carried by a vote of six in favor with one abstention to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on March 17, 2016.

Ayes: 6 Inmon, Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Ranjbar, Woollett
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 1 Yates (due to absence)
Absent: 0

2. SENIOR SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET

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

Discussion included: Fitness Center staff support at Rancho Senior Center; how the Special Fund is managed; benefits offered to part time versus full time employees.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Woollett, seconded by Vice Chair Inmon and carried unanimously to recommend City Council approve Senior Services Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Budget.

Ayes: 7 Inmon, Jacobs, Jones, Lee, Ranjbar, Woollett, Yates
Noes: 0
Abstentions: 0
Absent: 0

ADJOURNMENT at 10:23 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016.



GRETA JACOBS, CHAIR


Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary

05-19-2016

Date