# MINUTES



# IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

# October 20, 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 October 20, 2016 at 9:00 AM at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Jacobs presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of Clara Lin.

### INTRODUCTIONS

1. New Staff

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini introduced the following staff: a. William Laurie, Community Services Leader II, Facility Services b. Kyle Raya, Community Services Leader III, Program Services

#### PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Distinguished Service Awards
  - a. Supervisor Kaleikini presented this award to Nelson Mar for the multitude of presentations he has provided at Irvine Multicultural Association (IMA) meetings, and to Sarah Mar for her dedicated volunteer service supporting both IMA and Friends of Outreach over the past 20 years.
  - b. Community Services Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger presented this award to Mieko Harrel for her dedicated volunteer service since 1980, serving as Hostess for the Irvine Senior Citizens Council. Recipient was not able to attendance due to illness, therefore award will be delivered by staff.
- 2. Computer Lab/Technology Programs

Community Services Program Coordinator Amber Castrey provided a presentation and provided handouts.

3. Program Update

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Introduction of New Senior Transportation Guide

Supervisor Conger distributed a draft of the brochure being developed highlighting transportation options in Irvine.

2. Review of Political Activities of Public Employees Policy

Community Services Manager Corinne Schneider-Jones provided a refresher to Senior Council Members regarding their expected role of political neutrality during this election season.

3. Senior Citizens Council Holiday Gathering

Manager Schneider-Jones provided options for Senior Council consideration regarding the annual Senior Council holiday gathering. Consensus reached to have a small gathering an hour prior (2:30-3:30 p.m.) to the Irvine Multicultural Association Twilight Social (3:30 p.m.) on Friday, December 16, 2016 at the Trabuco Center.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deborah Miller-Osorio thanked the following Trabuco Center staff for allowing her to complete her volunteer service hours at the center and for their professionalism and helpfulness:

- Laura Murphy, Program Coordinator
- Melanie McGrane, Senior Leader
- Itai Islas, Leader II
- Kimberly Worrell, Office Assistant I
- Diane Lovette, Office Assistant I

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

#### COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Vice Chair Inmon reported she attended the Well-being and Vulnerable Seniors stakeholder meeting for the Senior Services Strategic Plan and was very appreciative of the organizations represented and the opportunity to participate. Vice Chair Inmon also commented that she, her husband and his caregiver recently had lunch in the Rose Garden Café, which was very delicious and the service was great – thank you to staff.

#### COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

(Items taken out of order to accommodate schedules)

#### 1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Member Nancy Cheng reported the IECSA meeting on October 15 had a large attendance and included entertainment by the Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center. Member Cheng also announced memorial services for Clara Lin will be held at Mariners Church on October 22, 2016 at 11 a.m.

C. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Vice President Maria Yousef reported FOO members are working on filling 200 holiday gift bags for homebound seniors, and drivers are needed for deliveries on November 30 and December 1. FOO Executive Board has developed the 2017 FOO Budget, and it will be presented to

the general membership at their November 10, 2016 meeting. Tickets are now on sale for an opportunity drawing, to be held during the Thanksgiving Luncheon, for two handmade blankets.

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

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

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Chair Jacobs reported the meeting was held at the Huntington Beach Senior Center, which was very impressive in aesthetics and landscaping. No presentations were made as attendees were broken up into focus groups to discuss senior legislation.

B. Health and Nutrition

Chair Jacobs reported the October 19 meeting included a presentation by the Council on Aging. Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) and Medicare changes for 2017 were also discussed. The Council on Aging has moved to Irvine.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

## (At this time, Chair Jacobs allowed for additional Public Comment for a late arrival)

Carlos Carney, representing the Exchange Club of Irvine, distributed a flier to the Board as invitation to attend the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Irvine Community Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast, scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Irvine Marriott Hotel. Proceeds will benefit the Raise Foundation and its efforts to raise awareness of child abuse prevention.

#### Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

(continued from Section 1 above)

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported the 2016 Casino Night Fundraiser raised over \$145,000 and thanked the City and Hoag Hospital, and all other sponsors, for supporting another successful event. Staffing changes have been made at IADHS – Holly Parmely has transitioned from Program Director to Development Director, and Rochelle Gould-Davis has joined the team as the new Program Director.

At this time, Chair Jacobs commended Executive Director Beeson for being such a great advocate for IADHS.

**Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees** (continued from Section 2 above)

C. Housing and Transportation

Councilmember Yates reported a presentation was made on the County's 2-1-1 phone number for social service assistance, with a focus on shelters for the homeless.

D. Legislative

Councilmember Ranjbar reported Vice Chair Inmon has joined her as a member of the SCAC Legislative Committee. Council Member Ranjbar will serve has host member for the Committee's November meeting that will include a presentation on sober living. Chair Jacobs requested a presentation from the California Senior Legislature be made at a future Senior Council meeting. Vice Chair Inmon discussed process of legislation prioritization.

#### 3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Councilmember Woollett reported the following updates:

- The purchase of two Tuff Shed storage units is moving forward
- New landscaping for the Lakeview Senior Center entry will be purchased
- A new dishwashing machine is being purchased and installed this fiscal year in the Lakeview Senior Center kitchen

Supervisor Kaleikini reported the following updates:

- All cement in the Lakeview Senior Center patio will be replaced
- Safe and aesthetically-pleasing options for seating around the patio trees are still being researched
- Shade options for patio tables and seating are still being researched
- The donor wall at Lakeview Senior Center should be completed by end of October

#### B. Leadership Committee

Councilmember Jones reported: information was received about the Keen Center for Senior Resources; the Council on Aging will offer Medicare review options on November 9, 29 and December 1; facility operations and reservations were reviewed and upgrades for security were discussed; a new class to raise awareness about elder abuse prevention will be offered; the Senior Expo was discussed.

At 10:20 a.m., Supervisor Kaleikini provided information about the National Shake Out / Earthquake Preparedness event and distributed a handout.

> Councilmember Jones further reported: Trabuco Center will offer a new Chinese calligraphy class; the Lakeview Senior Center billiard tables will be resurfaced with the competition-blue felt; Hospitality volunteers will continue to serve as support to front counter staff at each senior center.

C. Nutrition Committee

Supervisor Conger announced the next Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on November 18, 2016.

#### COUNCIL BUSINESS

#### 1. MINUTES

**ACTION**: Moved by Council Member Yates, seconded by Council Member Woollett and carried unanimously by members present to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on September 15, 2016.

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

ADJOURNMENT at 10:23 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

Athena Martinez Recording Secretary

Date

GRETA JACOBS, CHAIR