



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2017

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 September 21, 2017, 9:00 AM at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Inmon presiding.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	STAN JONES	Appointed by: Mayor Pro Tem Schott
COUNCILMEMBER	JUNEU KIM	Appointed by: Councilmember Fox
COUNCILMEMBER	RACHEL OWENS	Appointed by: Mayor Wagner
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR	Appointed by: Councilwoman Shea
VICE CHAIR	BETTY JO WOOLLETT	Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway
CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER	GARY YATES	Member-at-Large
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Woollett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Manager Sheila Driscoll made the following announcements:

- The Senior Council Member-at-Large Recruitment opened on Tuesday, September 5 and will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, September 22. Applications are available at the three senior centers and the Civic Center.
- The Irvine Global Village Festival will be held on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park and shuttle service will be available to the event from the Lakeview Senior Center.
- A list of affordable senior housing units in development has been made available, and applications for the RIZE property (off Von Karman) will be accepted in the Fall and includes 26 units for very low income, 1 unit for low income and 17 units for moderate income residents.

Chair Inmon announced the permanent appointment of Manager for Sheila Driscoll, no longer in the acting capacity, effective August 17, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Jones announced the annual Exchange Club Prayer Breakfast will be held on November 17. Chair Inmon announced the featured speaker is Chef Bruno Serato from the Anaheim White House restaurant, who runs the Caterina's Club program that conducts an annual Thanksgiving event to feed the homeless.

Vice Chair Woollett shared about an AARP article titled "Endless Recess", highlighting a senior playground in Charlotte, North Carolina, with outdoor equipment specifically designed for seniors. This idea would be in alignment with the Senior Services Strategic Plan.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services (IADHS)

On behalf of Executive Director Kimberly Beeson, Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini reported the IADHS annual casino night fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 7 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Jerry Chang reported 600 moon cakes were distributed during the September 16 Lunar Festival. The program also included a speaker on health information and various other recreational activities. IECSA meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. IECSA will have a booth at the Irvine Global Village Festival.

C. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Pat Hendee reported the Chik-fil-A fundraiser was not as successful as other fundraisers, therefore consideration of fast food versus full service restaurant will be given for future events. A fundraiser has been confirmed for Tuesday, October 10 at the California Pizza Kitchen on Alton and Jeffrey. Fliers for this event will be accepted throughout the day, instead of limited hours as done with other events. Bingo attendance has been holding steady at 80 participants. The International Crafters have been working on scarves for the holiday gift bags to be distributed in December, and Walgreens has committed 200 bags for this annual event. The next FOO Executive Board meeting will include budget planning for next year.

Councilmember Owens suggested FOO research feasibility of hosting a comedy night fundraiser as was recently done by the Irvine Animal Care Center at the Irvine Improv in the Irvine Spectrum.

D. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)

Board Member Nasser Fathi reported NEDA is actively working to attract new members. NEDA's Board will be voting on new members at the December meeting. The September 21 monthly meeting will include a poetry reading, as well as music and dancing. NEDA is reviewing its rental agreement with the City to increase hours of use. Member Fathi thanked NEDA and Supervisor Kaleikini for assistance in growing membership by providing support and tools necessary.

F. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported IKEA has introduced a new program that teaches drum beats utilizing special sticks. The first class had 12 attendees.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – No report.

B. Health and Nutrition

Councilmember Jones reported the September 20 presentation was made by Cynthia Okialda, General Manager of the Orange County Aging Services Collaboration. There are 21 regional coalitions throughout California, six of which are located within Southern California, and each coalition has their own various committees. A countywide survey will be conducted on senior living needs, addressing senior of safety, managing health and addressing transportation needs.

C. Housing and Transportation

Councilmember Kim reported a presentation was made by staff from the Orange County Housing Development. The Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) voucher program assists homeless veterans, and the City of Irvine has applied to participate. Other information obtained was that each apartment community/complex has its own eligibility requirements for affordable housing units, however all require American citizenship.

D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Vice Chair Woollett reported:

- The Lakeview Senior Center patio rehabilitation project is underway and anticipated completion is November 10.
- The Lakeview Senior Center computer lab remodel and renaming project has been put on hold.

- New dishwasher and gas range have been installed in the Lakeview Senior Center kitchen.
- The Eagle Scout banner display project was completed for displays in front of Lakeview Senior Center.

B. Leadership Committee – Next meeting is scheduled for October 4.

C. Nutrition Committee

Vice Chair Woollett reported the meeting was held September 12 and statistics about the Nutrition program are:

- Congregate program:
 - 610 registered participants
 - Average of 134 participants served daily
- Home-delivered meals program:
 - 148 registered participants
 - Average of 97 participants served daily (providing 291 meals per day)
- There is currently a waitlist of 11 participants pending.

It was recommended that advanced tickets be purchased for the following upcoming themed luncheons:

- Oktoberfest Luncheon on September 29
- Veterans Day Luncheon on November 9

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Owens and carried unanimously by members present to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on August 17, 2017.

Ayes: 6 Inmon, Jones, Kim, Owens, Ranjbar, Woollett

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Yates

2. SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE 2018-23

Manager Driscoll provided presentations on input gathered from stakeholders and the community regarding Transportation and Housing for the Senior Services Strategic Plan Update (Plan Update) and responded to Senior Councilmember inquiries.

Transportation discussion included: eligibility requirements for the Nutrition Transportation program; taxi voucher program coverage; pilot uber program; budget resources for implementation of Plan Update; utilization of volunteers to translate written materials if there are budget constraints;

Senior Councilmembers provided the following input for the Transportation goal:

- Broader marketing and dissemination of information.
- Collaborate with Irvine Police Department to increase assistance with pedestrian safety education.
- Provide training on rules of traffic to cultural groups to raise awareness of laws that may differ from countries of origin.
- Creation of visual tools/materials/resources in other languages for individuals challenged with language barriers.
- Increase educational collaboration with senior clubs regarding available transportation services.

RECESS

Chair Inmon recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:10 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Inmon reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Housing discussion included: waitlist absorption rate; individuals responsibility to register for multiple waitlists; various levels of income for eligibility requirements; availability of board and care programs.

Senior Councilmember Kim thanked Keen Center for Senior Resources staff, Karen Springer, for her assistance in educating him on housing services.

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ACTION: Received presentation and input provided.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 10:50 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017.



CAROLYN INMON, CHAIR



Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary



Date