



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 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 October 19, 2017, 9:02 AM at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Vice Chair Woollett presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present

COUNCILMEMBER	JUNEU KIM	Appointed by: Councilmember Fox
COUNCILMEMBER	SIMA RANJBAR	Appointed by: Councilwoman Shea
COUNCILMEMBER	GARY YATES	Member-at-Large
VICE CHAIR	BETTY JO WOOLLETT	Appointed by: Councilmember Lalloway

Absent

COUNCILMEMBER	STAN JONES	Appointed by: Mayor Pro Tem Schott
COUNCILMEMBER	RACHEL OWENS	Appointed by: Mayor Wagner
CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Councilmember Yates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Manager Sheila Driscoll introduced the following guests:

- Lisa Rudloff, Deputy Director of Community Services
- William Woollett Jr., Former City of Irvine City Manager
- Laurie Gruschka, Community Services Senior Management Analyst

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager Driscoll made the following announcements:

- The Senior Council Member-at-Large Recruitment closed on September 22, and interviews with four applicants were held on October 5. The incoming Members-at-Large are Carolyn Inmon and Kevin Kondru, and they will begin their two-year term at the November 16 meeting. Manager Driscoll also thanked Senior Councilmember Yates for his two years of service on the Senior Council.
- All City facilities will participate in today's Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill at 10:19 a.m.
- The City's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11 from 11 am. to 12:30 p.m. at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park. Rack cards were distributed.
- The Senior Services Holiday Twilight Social will be held on Thursday, December 14 at the Trabuco Center from 3-5 p.m.
- The tennis courts at the San Carlo and Knollcrest Neighborhood Parks will be striped with optional pickleball lines in late October to address the rise in interest in this activity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathleen Pfeiffer expressed gratitude for the excellent service provided by the TRIPS program staff and also shared her concerns about the program's ability to address the growing demands for the service. Ms. Pfeiffer suggested a presentation on the TRIPS Program at a future Senior Council meeting.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were none.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

There were none.

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 'Life is a Story' Casino Night fundraiser raised nearly \$127,000. The event was considered a success despite not reaching the goal of \$150,000.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Jerry Chang reported the October 21 IECSA meeting program will include a presentation on positive thinking and energy, as well as information for families about caring for seniors. There will be an IECSA excursion on October 26 to Oceanside, Old Town San Diego and Balboa Park. IECSA will be distributing the Irvine Transportation Resource Brochure (Chinese version) to help promote services in the Chinese speaking senior community. Regular monthly meetings will be held on November 18 and December 23, and a special holiday luncheon will be held at Sam Woo's Restaurant on December 14.

C. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Pat Hendee reported the Bingo program is doing very well, raising \$1,500 during the first three weeks of October. International Crafters will have an opportunity drawing at the Thanksgiving themed lunch on November 17, and proceeds raised will go toward the purchase of yarn to make chemo caps. Approximately 30 chemo caps are made each week, and sent to cancer centers throughout the country. International Crafters will gladly accept any and all yarn donations. FOO has received 200 bags from Walgreens and is now diligently working to fill the bags for holiday delivery to homebound seniors. International Crafters are also making eye glass cases to include in the gift bags. The California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser raised \$80.

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

Treasurer Nasser Fathi reported NEDA's monthly meeting is at 6 p.m. this evening, and the program includes a poetry reading, live music and dancing. NEDA's monthly participation has grown from 40 attendees to an average of 50 attendees. Elections will be held in December, and 10 candidates have expressed interest in serving on the NEDA Board.

Senior Councilmember Ranjbar suggested, as a future NEDA activity, to introduce four to five English words per meeting to encourage participants to learn English.

E. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported he will present a more comprehensive IKEA update at the November Senior Council meeting. President Kim also announced Irvine City Councilmember Melissa Fox will host a

Town Hall Meeting at the Orange County Great Park Soccer Stadium on Saturday, October 21 at 11 a.m.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – No report.
- B. Health and Nutrition – No report.
- C. Housing and Transportation

Councilmember Ranjbar reported a presentation was made on non-emergency senior transportation services throughout the County and shared various statistics. The top four transportation needs are in the areas of 1) rides to nutrition programs, 2) rides to senior centers, 3) rides for shopping and 4) rides for social activities. Regarding the topic of housing, the primary issue is addressing homelessness among Veterans, second is assistance for individuals with mental health issues. Home sharing was presented as an option.

- D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

- A. Facilities Committee

Senior Councilmember Yates reported the following updates:

- The Rose Garden and Patio Project at the Lakeview Senior Center began in September and tentative completion is early November.
- Lakeview Senior Center Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project is scheduled to begin the first quarter of 2018.

- B. Leadership Committee

Councilmember Ranjbar reported the Senior Council may designate a representative to attend Leadership Committee meetings on its behalf. The Billiards room will be holding tournaments; and plans to remodel the computer lab are being finalized.

- C. Nutrition Committee

Social Services Supervisor Lynne Conger reported one-time supplemental federal funds of just under \$10,000 were awarded and received.

At this time, Natalie Chaikin provided the following Irvine Senior Travelers report:

- Everyone is invited to attend their meeting at 1 p.m. on October 20.
- Upcoming overnight trips are to Costa Rica and Italy.
- Day trips scheduled are to: a taping of Jeopardy, Ventura Harbor/Ojai Valley; and a Luck o' the Irish lunch in March at Almansor Court in the city of Alhambra.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Councilmember Yates, seconded by Senior Councilmember Kim, and unanimously carried by members present to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on September 21, 2017.

Ayes: 4 Kim, Ranjbar, Woollett, Yates
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 3 Inmon, Jones, Owens

2. SENIOR SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE 2018-23

Manager Driscoll presented the staff report and provided presentations on the areas of Education and Health and Recreation.

Discussion included: the need for programs and services to meet the quickly growing senior population; importance of technology tutoring and on-line application assistance for seniors; and the importance of addressing the needs of Irvine's multicultural population.

ACTION: Received presentation and provided input.

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 10:11 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017.



BETTY JO WOOLLETT
VICE CHAIR



 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary



 Date