



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2019

Lakeview Senior Center
20 Lake Road
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Inmon.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	JERRY CHANG	Council Appointee: Kuo
COUNCILMEMBER	JUNEU KIM	Council Appointee: Fox
VICE CHAIR	RACHEL OWENS	Council Appointee: Shea
CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER	KEVIN KONDRU	Member-at-Large
COUNCILMEMBER	HARISH MURTHY	Council Appointee: Khan
COUNCILMEMBER	BILL SANDLIN	Council Appointee: Carroll

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Supervisor Denise Bennett-Arabatzis introduced new part-time employees: Michael Moyneur, Community Services Leader II in the Facilities and Operations section; and Brian Wong, Kitchen Assistant I in the Nutrition Services section.

PRESENTATIONS

Orange County Strategic Plan on Aging Update - Director of Collaborative Programs Cynthia Okialda provided an update on the progress of the County's Strategic Plan on Aging.

Discussion included: ranking of goals; the Governor's statewide master plan on aging; the need for job training for seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo made the following announcements:

- Interviews for the Senior Council Member-at-Large recruitment were held on Thursday, October 3. Three applicants were interviewed and the selected members are Carolyn Inmon and Cal Hibrawi.
- The annual intergenerational Trick or Treat event will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Friday, October 25 at Lakeview Senior Center. Those interested in volunteering should contact Volunteer Services staff Connie Larr or Roxanne Sanchez.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

William Lewis, resident, expressed his gratitude to the City and staff members Wendy Brown, Emily Walker, and Luis Alberto for a very successful and well-coordinated Irvine Global Village Festival. Mr. Lewis stated he volunteered in Hangar 244 with the art exhibition component, and suggested that more mobility options be made available for seniors, such as electric carts.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

There were no Senior Council Member updates.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Pat Hendee reported the following:

- Participation in the Bingo program remains steady and advertising is being conducted to attract volunteer Callers and Verifiers.
- Holiday Gift Bags – the International Crafters continue their work on gift bag items and are in need of yarn; bags were donated by Blue Shield; many other donated items are being received; bags to be assembled after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The fundraising cart reopened on August 1.
- The last 2019 restaurant fundraiser was held at the Stonefire Grill and the first 2020 event will be held at El Pollo Loco, month to be determined.
- The FOO Board held a budget meeting and increased their donation goals as follows: Transportation up to \$6,500; Special Need Services up to \$10,000; and Irvine Adult Day Health Services scholarships up to \$8,500.

B. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS)

On behalf of Executive Director Kimberly Beeson, Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis reported IADHS casino night fundraiser raised almost \$125,000, making it a successful event.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Ta-Shyon Lin reported IECSA meets the third Saturday of each month for social engagement activities such as singing, dancing, and health-related presentations. Regular weekly gatherings are held each Monday and Thursday as well at Lakeview Senior Center. Medicare open enrollment period is from October 15 through December 7.

D. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported he continues to support and assist seniors in the Irvine community.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers

Representative Natalie Chaikin reported there are six new Board members bringing the total to 15 members. New officers were selected at the October 14 Board meeting. The Board is finalizing a donation to FOO in support of homebound seniors, and the group will be assisting with holiday gift bag assembly. Plans are in the works for the February 2020 Travel Expo.

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

President Nasser Fathi reported NEDA meets monthly on select Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center for social engagement activities such as live music, dancing, and readings. To address concerns recently raised by members regarding safety of seniors in their own homes, NEDA is seeking help with home evaluations and/or assessments. Another concern raised by NEDA members relates to housing in the older areas of the City with units in upper levels with no elevator access. President Fathi requested guidance from staff on how to go about addressing the issue.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Chair Inmon reported a presentation on fraud against seniors was provided, highlighting the fact that seniors are often targeted due to accessibility, perceived wealth, and cognition issues. Also discussed was the concept of ambassadors and/or liaisons for each senior center in the County.

B. Health and Nutrition – No report.

C. Housing and Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported the Orange County Transportation Association (OCTA), in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, is working on the 405 freeway expansion project between the 73 toll road and the 605 freeway, adding an additional lane to each direction, improving entrances and bridges, and adding two express lanes to each direction. Estimated completion is sometime in 2024.

Chair Inmon reported updates on the County's new voting system that will consist of 11 voting centers throughout the county, versus the hundreds of smaller polling places. Voting by mail will be an option for all registered voters, and votes can be cast up to 11 days in advance. Volunteers will no longer be utilized as County staff will be able to cover all areas. Chair Inmon also reported concerns for accuracy in senior counts during the national census, as resources for cities are administered based on counts.

D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

- A. Facilities Committee – No report.
- B. Leadership Committee – No report.
- C. Nutrition Committee – No report.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Chang and seconded by Vice Chair Owens to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 regular meeting.


The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 4 Chang, Inmon, Kim, Owens
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 3 Kondru, Murthy, Sandlin


END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Kim, and unanimously carried by members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 AM.


 CAROLYN INMON, CHAIR


 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary


 Date