



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 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	K. CAL HIBRAWI	Member-at-Large
COUNCILMEMBER	JUNEU KIM	Council Appointee: Fox
COUNCILMEMBER	HARISH MURTHY	Council Appointee: Khan
COUNCILMEMBER	BILL SANDLIN*	Council Appointee: Carroll
VICE CHAIR	RACHEL OWENS	Council Appointee: Shea
CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

**Left at 10:15 a.m.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Inmon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo introduced new Senior Council Member Cal Hibrawi.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Feasibility Study Request for Proposal

Community Services Senior Planner Rachel McLure, along with Community Services Administrator Debby Platt, provided this presentation with handouts.

Discussion included: funding source; funds identified for study only and does not include funding for construction; timeline for scope of project; potential recommendations identified by study; how Senior Services Strategic Plan will be used to guide the study; incorporation of upgraded/enhanced safety and security features; Request for Proposal process and Senior Council role; meeting needs through constant change/demand.

Public Comment: Don Perdue, long time Irvine resident and former Senior Citizens Council Member, shared his thoughts and desires for the project.

2. Senior Services Strategic Plan Implementation Matrix Update

Supervisors Bennett-Arabatzis and Kaleikini provided a presentation on the Plan's Year 2, Quarter 1 outcomes and provided handouts.

Discussion included: the shift to electronic access/registration; marketing of services; items carried over from Year 1; awareness of affordable housing projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Salcedo made the following announcements:

- The annual Holiday Toy Drive benefiting the City's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion will continue through December 13. Donation bins are located at the Irvine Civic Center, Police Department, and at the Great Park Visitors Center during each locations respective business hours.
- The annual Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held at the Irvine Civic Center on Saturday, December 7 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Festivities will include live holiday music, games, crafts, a winter-themed train route, and a visit from Santa. A rack card and additional information was provided.

- The Senior Services Holiday Twilight Social is scheduled for Thursday, December 12 at the Trabuco Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, and pictures with Santa. There is a fee of \$7. A flyer was provided.
- The Irvine Civic Center and City facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

At this time, Chair Inmon presented a Distinguished Service Award to Senior Services volunteer Ann D'Uenger for providing over 1,000 hours of service to the Senior Nutrition program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mahesh Bhagat, resident, provided a packet of information to Chair Inmon outlining some suggestions regarding the Senior Services and TRIPS programs.

RECESS

Chair Inmon recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:12 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Inmon reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:26 a.m.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Chair Inmon attended the Trick or Treat event at Lakeview Senior Center and encouraged Senior Council member participation for next year.

Vice Chair Owens shared that Medicare Open Enrollment will end on December 7 and encouraged seniors to review information to ensure awareness of changes that will be in effect for 2020.

Senior Council Member Murthy reported the EKKTA Center held a Senior Information Day on November 16 to promote Irvine's Senior Services and thanked staff for providing the valuable informational materials.

Senior Council Member Hibrawi suggested a change in meeting time to increase attendance at Senior Council meetings.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

On behalf of FOO President Pat Hendee, Vice Chair Owens reported:

- The Bingo program is averaging \$450 per week despite inconsistent attendance; participants are enjoying the new pull tab games; the program will be dark in December and January due to the holidays and the installment of new flooring in the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium.
- International Crafters continue their work on holiday gift bag items, and gift bag assembly will occur during the first week of December.
- The final 2019 restaurant fundraiser at Stonefire Grill raised \$90, and options for the first event in 2020 are being considered.
- Ride with 24 Uber requests have totaled \$4,530.32 from January through October.
- The FOO Executive Board unanimously passed its 2020 budget.

B. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – No report.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Ann Hwu reported IECSA has a history of over 30 years serving the Chinese senior community, with over 350 members. Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month offering various programs such as karaoke, dancing, and calligraphy. The Chinese Chorus now has over 80 members. Regular weekly class offerings also include painting, Tai chi, Happy Living for Inactive Adults to increase mobility, mahjong, and harmonica classes. The annual year end appreciation lunch will be held on December 12 at Sam Woo's Restaurant, and the Chinese New Year event is scheduled for February 5, 2020. Director Hwu also reported that the US Census Bureau is working closely with the City and IECSA to provide presentations to seniors in the community on the importance of participating in the Census.

D. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported IKEA is doing well, and shared his interest in exploring opportunities to have emergency alerts communicated on Korean language channels.

- E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.
- F. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)

President Nasser Fathi reported NEDA has a history of almost 20 years serving the Iranian senior community. The weekly Tuesday gatherings were stopped due to transportation issues for participants, however the Thursday programs are still going strong from 2 to 6 p.m. averaging 50 participants weekly. Board elections, which are conducted every two years, will be held at the end of December. NEDA members are being encouraged to read all MediCare Open Enrollment materials. NEDA is interested in having a group presentation on fall prevention and safety in the home, and requests assistance from staff with the presentation.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Chair Inmon reported a new SCAC initiative requests every senior center in the county have a designated liaison, or Ambassador attending SCAC meetings. The last SCAC meeting featured a presentation on livable communities. Founding SCAC members have created an alumni social group. SCAC is working on long-term priorities that will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors in July. A new technology subcommittee has been created. Irvine will host the SCAC meeting at Trabuco on January 10, 2020.

- B. Health and Nutrition – No report.
- C. Housing and Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported there is a high demand and low supply of affordable housing countywide. California State University, Fullerton will be conducting an analysis of disparity.

Chair Inmon reported Lara Fisher, president and CEO of South County Outreach, provided a presentation on programs and services.

- D. Legislative

Senior Council Member Murthy reported a presentation was made by Tony Cardenas from California League of Cities regarding legislative bills in progress. Governor Newsom has issued a call for a Master

Plan on Aging to be completed by October of 2020 due to projected growth of senior population, which is expected to reach 8 million by 2030.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Senior Council Member Murthy reported the computer lab at Lakeview Senior Center was officially renamed and reopened in October. Lakeview Senior Center auditorium and Rancho Senior Center ballroom flooring will be replaced in January 2020.

B. Leadership Committee

Senior Council Member Chang reported a meeting was held on November 6 and information on fraud prevention and scams was shared as this type of activity heavily increases during the holidays.

C. Nutrition Committee

Chair Inmon reported on the program's statistics to date. The November 22 Thanksgiving lunch offered two sold out seatings, and the Veterans Day lunch was also well attended. The Rose Garden Café has a new 4-6 week menu cycle that will change quarterly. A campaign to recruit volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program will be underway in the near future.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens and seconded by Senior Council Member Murthy to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 regular meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes:	5	Chang, Inmon, Kim, Murthy, Owens
Noes:	0	
Abstentions:	1	Hibrawi
Absent:	1	Sandlin

2. IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Superintendent Salcedo presented the item.

Discussion included: convening later in the day or rotating location of meetings to allow for working or otherwise engaged seniors to attend meetings; purpose of meetings; open forums hosted by Senior Council members to disseminate information and speak to participants individually.

Action: Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi to change the Irvine Senior Citizens Council meeting start time to the afternoon on the proposed dates for calendar year 2020. The motion died due to the lack of a second.

Further discussion included selecting a few meeting dates to start later to see if attendance would increase.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens and seconded by Senior Council Member Murthy to approve the Irvine Senior Citizens Council meeting dates for calendar year 2020, with the February meeting convening at 1 p.m., and the remaining dates to convene at 9 a.m.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes:	5	Chang, Hibrawi, Kim, Murthy, Owens
Noes:	1	Inmon
Absent:	1	Sandlin

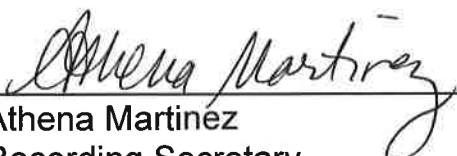
END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Chang, seconded by Vice Chair Owens, and unanimously carried by members present to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 AM.



CAROLYN INMON, CHAIR



 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary

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 Date