

MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2020

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 9:01 AM by Chair Inmon.

ROLL CALL

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
	*Arrived at 9:08 a.m.	

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER JERRY CHANG Council Appointee: Kuo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. New Senior Services Employees

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini introduced the following new and promoted staff:

- Paul Wright, Community Services Leader III Front Desk
- Phil Okamoto, Community Services Leader III Facilities
- Caryn Kawamoto, Program Specialist Trabuco Center

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards: Senior Travelers

Chair Inmon presented this award to Irvine Senior Travelers volunteers Judy Marsing-Bailey for 2,200 hours of volunteer services and Linda Lako for 1,200 hours of volunteer service since 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo made the following announcements:

- The Holiday Gift Bag distribution to 200 homebound seniors was well received, and a video clip showcasing the volunteer-driven effort was shown.
- The winter 2020 Shredding event will be held on Saturday, January 25 in the Lakeview Senior Center parking lot; a flyer was distributed.
- The February Senior Council meeting will convene at 1 p.m. instead of the usual time of 9 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Vice Chair Owens announced the following updates:

• The Mayor's State of the City address will occur on February 25, beginning with a public reception at 5 p.m., followed by the address at 6 p.m.

 Toured a local voting center for a demonstration of the new voting system, and the Registrar of Voters office is hiring Vote Center Customer Service Representatives, , with a strong need for bilingual individuals.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

President Pat Hendee thanked FOO Member Maria Yousef for her leadership with the Holiday Gift Bag distribution. The Bingo program will resume at the beginning of February. The International Crafters cart has reopened. The Stonefire Grill fundraiser raised \$90, and Pizza Press may be the venue for the February fundraiser. FOO will be renewing its business license in February. AARP is offering tax preparation assistance through April 15.

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

On behalf of Executive Director Kimberly Beeson, Supervisor Kaleikini announced participation has been down due to flu-related illnesses and holiday activities. The IADHS' annual casino night fundraiser is scheduled for October 3.

- C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association No report.
- D. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim announced he will continue to serve as IKEA president and provide assistance to Korean senior community in meeting needs. President Kim announced he was one of seven individuals recognized by the City in conjunction with the January 13 proclamation of Korean American Day.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers (Travelers)

Representative Natalie Chaikin reported Travelers Board is training new members. Board Treasurer is reviewing the annual statement to determine which excursions were most popular for 2019 to streamline planning for 2020. The annual travel show is scheduled for February 14. Travelers is busy finalizing contracts and dates for trips abroad and day excursions.

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

Representative Zahra Fathi reported NEDA will hold Board elections this evening and thanked staff for assistance provided with NEDA programs. NEDA's support groups remain popular and consistent. NEDA has 45 new members and had over 150 attendees at the December Longest Night of the Year celebration. NEDA received a donation of over 170 books in Farsi.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Chair Inmon reported Irvine hosted the January 10 meeting at the Trabuco Center, at which various county volunteer service awards were presented and Program Coordinator Damion Coran spoke on Irvine's Nutrition services. SCAC is in process of developing annual goals.

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

Senior Council Member Kim reported two presentations were provided, one by Orange County Community Housing and the other by Orange County Housing and Financial Trust. Topics included addressing chronic homelessness in Orange County. Affordable housing developments were discussed.

Chair Inmon reported Assembly Bill 448 established joint powers of authority among 21 cities to support affordable and supportive housing, with a goal to create 2,700 units in California. The United Way has prioritized housing for Veterans as a long term goal. Handicap accessible parking plaques will be evaluated to determine/deter abuse and fraud and vehicle charging stations will be added to these parking spaces.

D. Legislative

Vice Chair Owens reported about the challenges faced by the committee between levels of County and State.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Senior Council Member Murthy reported replacement of Rancho and Lakeview senior center flooring has begun and estimated completion is beginning of February. New chairs and a flat screen television will be purchased for the newly renovated Lakeview Senior Center computer lab. The sound system in the Lakeview Senior Center has been replaced.

Senior Council Member Hibrawi reported the issues of safety and security will also be considered at future committee meetings.

B. Leadership Committee – No report.

C. Nutrition Committee

Chair Inmon reported Rose Garden Café and Meals on Wheels statistics to date and the challenges faced with delivery of meals to senior housing complexes. Feedback from recipients of the Holiday Gift Bag distribution has been very positive. Program staff is currently preparing for upcoming health inspections and audits. March is National Nutrition Month.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens and seconded by Senior Council Member Hibrawi to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 regular meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 6 Hibrawi, Inmon, Kim, Murthy, Owens, Sandlin

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Chang

2. IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Superintendent Salcedo presented the item and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: participation is voluntary and not mandatory; number of members allowed to participate due to quorum concerns.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens and seconded by Senior Council Member Hibrawi to appoint Senior Council representatives to the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees and to the Irvine Senior Citizens Council subcommittees as follows:

Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees:

- Advisory Council: Carolyn Inmon, Bill Sandlin
- Health and Nutrition: Rachel Owens
- Housing and Transportation: Carolyn Inmon, Cal Hibrawi
- Legislation: Harish Murthy

Senior Citizens Council Committees:

- Facilities: Cal Hibrawi, Harish Murthy
- Leadership: Jerry Chang, Cal Hibrawi, Juneu Kim
- Nutrition: Carolyn Inmon, Rachel Owens

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 6 Hibrawi, Inmon, Kim, Murthy, Owens, Sandlin

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Chang

3. IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Salcedo reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair as presented in the Senior Council Bylaws.

Selection of Senior Council Chair

Superintendent Salcedo opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Senior Council Member Inmon nominated Senior Council Member Owens to serve as Chair; nomination was accepted.

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Inmon and seconded by Senior Council Member Sandlin to elect Senior Council Member Owens as Senior Council Chair.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 6 Hibrawi, Inmon, Kim, Murthy, Owens, Sandlin

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Chang

Selection of Senior Council Vice Chair

Superintendent Salcedo opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Senior Council Member Sandlin nominated Senior Council Member Kim to serve as Vice Chair; nomination was accepted.

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Sandlin and seconded by Senior Council Member Inmon to elect Senior Council Member Kim as Senior Council Vice Chair.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 6 Hibrawi, Inmon, Kim, Murthy, Owens, Sandlin

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Chang

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 10:23 a.m.

RACHEL OWENS, CHAIR

Athena Martinez

Recording Secretary