



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2021

Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Inmon.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBER:	AMAL BARADEHI	Council Appointee: Khan
COUNCIL MEMBER:	JERRY CHANG	Council Appointee: Kuo
COUNCIL MEMBER:	K. CAL HIBRAWI	Member-at-Large
COUNCIL MEMBER:	GRETA JACOBS	Council Appointee: Agran
COUNCIL MEMBER:	MYUNG SUH*	Council Appointee: Kim
VICE CHAIR:	BILL SANDLIN**	Council Appointee: Carroll
CHAIR:	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

**arrived at 9:32 a.m.*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Baradehi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo announced that in order to protect public health and prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Senior Council is accepting public comments via email to the Recording Secretary for all agenda items.

INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Salcedo introduced Irvine Fine Arts Supervisor Laura Murphy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Superintendent Salcedo made the following announcements:

- Community Development is updating Irvine's Housing Element as required by the State. Three virtual community workshops are planned for late March and April and everyone is invited to participate. Specific meeting details will be released the week of March 22. Additional information about the project can be found on the City's website at cityofirvine.org/housingelementupdate.
- The annual Senior Services Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on Thursday, April 22 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Rancho Senior Center parking lot. This will be a drive-thru program, by invitation only, to honor volunteers with greetings from staff and a gift to say Thank You.

Agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate schedules.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported FOO income is down due to no Bingo being held and no donation received during the pandemic.

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

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported IADHS staff has been scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for participants; 84% have received first dose, 45% have received second dose, and 90% of IADHS staff have been vaccinated. Vaccination clinics hosted by the City have been instrumental in achieving this. Development of reopening plans is ongoing. The Community Services Commission recommended approval of the IADHS Community Development Block Grant application for the full amount of over \$60,000 to be applied to the Skilled Nursing Care Program.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Jerry Chang reported IECSA continues virtual programming five days a week:

- Mondays and Wednesdays – Chinese Choir
- Thursdays – Current Events and health discussions
- Tuesdays and Fridays – Entertainment programs

D. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – No report.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Chair Inmon reported two presentations were made: the state’s Master Plan for Aging, and the Get Fed Up instructional program. The Get Fed Up program is free and classes being offered are technology instruction.

B. Health and Nutrition

Senior Council Member Chang reported updates on the Age Well Senior Services, Inc. and Meals on Wheels programs were provided. Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the former highlighted its partnership with local restaurants and caterers to support meal programs. Meal providers have observed that participants seem to now be dealing with “fear factors” of leaving their home, which raises concerns of isolation and other health issues. Community Services Supervisor Denise Bennett-Arabatzis provided updates on the City’s home-delivered meals program and the modified congregate “Grab-and-Go” meal program.

C. Housing and Transportation

Chair Inmon reported presentations were provided on senior non-emergent medical transportation services and Habitat for Humanity.

D. Legislative – No report.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee – No report.

B. Leadership Committee – No report.

C. Nutrition Committee – No report.

PRESENTATION

Superintendent Salcedo provided a Senior Services Programs and Activities Update presentation.

Discussion included: fitness center capacities; vaccination clinic advertising; statistics for ethnic groups served by all meal programs; communicating senior center reopening plans to all senior clubs/groups.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

Chair Inmon requested that each Senior Council Member share about themselves and their goals while serving on the Senior Council:

Senior Council Member Baradehi:

- First time serving on such a board/committee.
- Born in Beirut, Lebanon; 37 year resident of Irvine.
- She and husband are small business owners.
- Loves Irvine, and found that joining many interfaith groups has provided a greater connectivity and cultural awareness.
- Goal while on Senior Council is to help seniors transition from pandemic fears to socializing again as the community works toward reopening.

Senior Council Member Hibrawi:

- Moved to United States in the late 1960s; Irvine resident since 2000.
- Background is professional engineer.
- Has been a senior center participant for over 15 years, primary interest is the fitness center programs and serves as a volunteer.
- Was a soccer player and coach.
- Has served on many City commissions, boards, and committees.
- Was a participant in the development of the original Senior Services Strategic Plan in 2008.
- Goal while on Senior Council is to grow the volunteer base, and to assist seniors navigate the ever-changing requirements to renew driver's licenses.

Senior Council Member Chang:

- Has been in the United States for 44 years, in Irvine for 15, and on the Senior Council for over two years.
- Has been the President of IECSA over five years, offering many services to the Chinese senior population
- Goal while on Senior Council is to continue providing information and raising awareness on available services and programs to the senior population.

Senior Council Member Suh:

- Has been in the United States since 1976, and upon arrival, enrolled in California State University Los Angeles to obtain a second degree.
- Retired from Hyundai Motor Finance Corporation six years ago and moved to Irvine.
- Serves as the Director of Strategic Planning and Public Affairs for the Korean American Federation of Orange County.
- Very impressed with the workings of the County's Senior Citizens Advisory Council.
- Goals while on Senior Council are to 1) better publicize city, county, and state services to the Korean community, 2) recruit more Korean volunteers, and 3) create programs to educate/prepare young seniors for success in retirement.

Vice Chair Sandlin:

- A proud United States Marine Corps Veteran and work to help young Marines as they prepare for end of service, as well as to help older Veterans struggling with various issues/challenges.
- Volunteers at the VA Hospital.
- Goal while on Senior Council is to raise cultural awareness and connectivity.

Senior Council Member Jacobs:

- Born and educated in Austria; moved to Irvine in 1992.
- Worked in Beverly Hills.
- Became a senior center volunteer in the Hospitality and Friends of Outreach programs, and is a founding member of the Irvine Multicultural Association (now a committee) that started the Irvine Global Village Festival.
- Has served on the Senior Council for many years through various appointments.
- Appointing City Councilmember Larry Agran would like to learn of a Senior Council "wish list" of priorities to advocate for at least \$2 million dollars of recent federal rescue funds.

Chair Inmon:

- Has served on the Senior Council for many years through various City Council and Member-at-Large appointments.
- Goals while on the Senior Council, aside from the various issues identified in the Senior Services Strategic Plan, are 1) to address senior isolation, loneliness, and depression, exacerbated by the global pandemic, and 2) to raise awareness and better understanding/use of technology among seniors to take full advantage of services that are now only offered through web-based systems.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Chang and seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi to approve the minutes of the Commission and Senior Citizens Council Special Joint Meeting held on January 28, 2021, as amended to reflect that Senior Council Member Hibrawi was absent due to technical difficulties in accessing the meeting.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: 7 Baradehi, Chang, Hibrawi, Inmon, Jacobs, Sandlin, Suh
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 0

2. APPROVAL OF SENIOR COUNCIL MINUTES

Senior Council Member Hibrawi requested that the February 18, 2021 Senior Council Minutes be amended to include language he used to fully express his thoughts on the City’s mandatory Workplace Harassment Prevention Training for Senior Council Members.

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi and seconded by Senior Council Member Jacobs to approve minutes of the Senior Citizens Council meeting held on February 18, 2021, as amended to reflect Senior Council Member Hibrawi’s comments.

Ayes: 7 Baradehi, Chang, Hibrawi, Inmon, Jacobs, Sandlin, Suh
 Noes: 0
 Absent: 0

END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi, seconded by Senior Council Member Chang, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.



SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL CHAIR



Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary

Date 
