



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**APRIL 15, 2021**

**Zoom Meeting**

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:01 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 9:04 a.m.*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

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 for all agenda items via email to the Recording Secretary.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Salcedo made the following announcements:

- The 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 our volunteers with greetings from staff and a gift to say Thank You.
- Community Development is updating Irvine's Housing Element as required by the State. Two virtual community workshops are scheduled for April 22 from 10 a.m. to noon, and on April 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Additional information on the project can be found on the City's website at [cityofirvine.org/HEUpdate](http://cityofirvine.org/HEUpdate).
- Amber Castrey has been selected for the role of Community Services Supervisor, effective April 17.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rachel Owens, Irvine resident, spoke about American Rescue Plan Act funds to be received by the City that can be used toward housing, investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Mrs. Owens expressed her desire to see the City spend dollars to upgrade broadband systems as banking, Medicare, and insurance service industries migrate their services to online access only.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**

### **1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups**

- A. Friends of Outreach – No report.
- B. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – No report.
- C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Jerry Chang reported IECSA continues to offer weekly virtual programs via Zoom and waiting to hear when in-person programming will be allowed.

- D. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.
- E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – No report.

**2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) - Affiliated Committees**

Chair Inmon provided clarification regarding participation in SCAC committees as public attendees versus committee member.

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Chair Inmon reported the following:

- A presentation was given by Osher Life Learning Institute
- Meals provided in the county, outside of Irvine, increased by 50,000
- Various non-emergent transportation services are available throughout the county, if needed, for vaccination appointments
- A new grant is available to help with home modifications and repairs to address fall prevention issues
- Committee discussed top priorities and goals

B. Health and Nutrition – No report.

C. Housing and Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported discussion included updates on affordable housing developments in the cities of Huntington Beach and Orange and the application process.

Chair Inmon inquired about process to access non-emergency transportation services, and advised that such Orange County services will transport Veterans to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

D. Legislative – Next meeting is on April 19, report to be provided in May.

**3. Senior Citizens Council Committees**

A. Facilities Committee

Senior Council Member Hibrawi reported project updates as follows:

- Push bars were installed on doors of Trabuco Center fitness center

- Lakeview Senior Center exterior has been painted and the front entrance awning will be replaced
- Rancho Senior Center carpeting and the front entrance awning will be replaced
- Rancho Senior Center patio shade adjustments to be made

Senior Council Member Suh reported staff working on reopening plans and filling staff vacancies. Discussion also included coordination of recreation programming.

B. Leadership Committee

Senior Council Member Chang reported:

- Objectives and meeting frequency for the committee were discussed
- Irvine Senior Travelers activities are still on hold until centers reopen
- IECSA continues with weekly virtual programs
- South Asian Senior Alliance (EKTAA Center) offering virtual programs

C. Nutrition Committee

Senior Council Member Chang reported discussion focused on virtual programming and anticipated timelines of reopening for in-person service.

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the City is developing reopening plans and timelines to resume in-person meal services in conjunction with county guidelines. Additional information was provided on volunteer services. Nutritionist Anna Hamada also reviewed meal/menu guidelines.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **1. APPROVAL OF SENIOR COUNCIL MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi and seconded by Senior Council Member Chang to approve minutes of the Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held on March 18, 2021.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 Baradehi, Chang, Jacobs, Hibrawi, Inmon, Sandlin, Suh

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

## **2. SENIOR SERVICES PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-23**

Community Services Manager Cory Hilderbrand presented the item and responded to Senior Council questions.

Discussion included: expenditure/revenue variances and staffing effects due to COVID-19; use of funds for assisted living expenses for seniors with income levels in the “gray area.”

### **ACTION:**

Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi and seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi to recommend City Council approve the Senior Services Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2021-2023 as proposed.

The motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 Baradehi, Chang, Jacobs, Hibrawi, Inmon, Sandlin, Suh

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

## **END COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES**

Senior Council Member Hibrawi made the following comment:

- He completed the Workplace Harassment Prevention Training as required by the City but strongly feels it should not be required of Senior Council.
- Contact information for Senior Council should not be listed in the Senior Connection and those wishing to reach out to a Senior Council member should go through proper City channels.

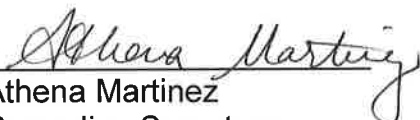
Senior Council Member Suh made the following comments: the County’s SCAC website consistently has issues when trying to access SCAC committee agendas and meetings; would like more definitive reopening plan information.

Chair Inmon inquired about the most appropriate way to communicate suggestions on how incoming federal funds should be utilized.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Senior Council Member Hibrawi, seconded by Vice Chair Sandlin, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

  
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SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL CHAIR

  
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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

  
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Date