



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2022
Lakeview Senior Center
20 Lake Road
Irvine, CA 92604

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 16, 2022, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
		Senior Council Member	Jerry Chang*
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

**Left at 11 a.m.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandra Salcedo, Community Services Superintendent, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting virtually.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention

Colleen Dwyer and Kelli Kawabe-Hernandez, Adult Protective Services (APS) Social Workers, provided a presentation with handouts, and described APS goals, services, regulations, client rights, and types of abuse.

Discussion included: income eligibility for various programs; spouses caring for spouses; assessments and case management; housing/shelter options; collaborations with law enforcement and others.

1.2 Safe Options for Seniors

Mieka Bledsoe, MS, MFT, Human Options Program Supervisor, provided a presentation with handouts and described the Safe Options for Seniors Program.

Discussion included: eligibility requirements; services offered; collaborating partners and organizations; residential program, resources, and capacities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments on agendized items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Mahesh Bhagat, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition of TRIPS Transportation Program fees when other programs are offered at no cost in the County.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- As announced at the Senior Council April and May meetings, a recommended action to remove proof of COVID-19 vaccination requirement to participate in the Congregate Meals Program is being considered by City Council. The first reading of the proposed ordinance occurred at the May 24 City Council meeting. The second reading is scheduled for the June 28 City Council meeting.
- The City is hosting an outreach event to seek input from the community regarding potential pickleball courts at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge. Information gathered will be used to shape recommendations and decisions about future planning for this park. The outreach event is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- The Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series will kick off on July 9 with six free family-friendly concerts offered through August 14. Concerts will start at 5:30 p.m. at Mike Ward

Community Park-Woodbridge. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for first-come, first-served seating on the lawn. Reserved seating can be purchased for \$20 by registering at yourirvine.org.

- Senior Services has begun a Corporate Volunteer Campaign to engage local businesses in service to Irvine's senior population. A brochure with all pertinent details was distributed.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Senior Council Member Jacobs announced Irvine Multicultural Association presents Exploring Our World: China on July 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center, and tickets are \$5.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. EKTA Center: South Asian Senior Association – No report.

B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Kathleen Pfeiffer, President, reported the following:

- Diane Kimlin was recognized for over 20 years of volunteer service.
- Thank you to those who participated in the May 25 California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser; payment from restaurant is still pending.
- Senior Council Members are encouraged to visit the Bingo program as a social opportunity to meet senior participants.
- Thank you to the Senior Council for allowing FOO participation at monthly meetings.

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

Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Reimagining programs while recovering from pandemic.
- IADHS restrictions mandated by state regulations, therefore may differ slightly from City policies.
- Generous contributors have committed \$25,000 in matching funds for any donations received in support of IADHS programs and services.
- IADHS Board is identifying tactics and strategies in addressing changes, challenges, and fundraising.
- Irvine Recovery Grant Program details are pending, and eagerly awaiting information.
- Participant numbers growing steadily with average daily attendance in May at 18, and 84% of care provided in person.

- CalOPTIMA will extend telehealth reimbursements to adult day health centers through December 31, past the state's end date of June 30.
- Making every effort to be fully operational by July 1.

D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Jerry Chang, IECSA Co-President, reported the following:

- IECSA will celebrate Father's Day and the Dragon Boat Festival at the June 18 monthly meeting.
- Programs such as the Chinese choir, harmonica group, aerobic classes, and technology classes remain active.
- Irvine Multicultural Group will present Chinese culture night on July 13 with music, calligraphy, and Chinese painting.

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

Nasser Fathi, NEDA President, reported the following:

- NEDA was involved and active for approximately 20 years until the pandemic, when all gatherings ceased in March of 2020.
- Meetings have resumed with 25-30 participants attending; steadily growing, however many members remain cautious with COVID-19 numbers fluctuating.
- Many members also challenged with transportation issues.
- First evening social will be held this evening in the craft room from 5 to 9 p.m. featuring poetry, dancing, and music.
- Weekly meetings are held each Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Thank you to the City and to staff for continued support and responsiveness.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – No report.
- B. Wellbeing Reimagined – No report.
- C. Housing/Transportation – No report.
- D. Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

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

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the following:

- Congregate meals served in May were 2,300.
- Meals on Wheels participants served in May were 229.

- City Council is considering the removal of the proof of vaccination requirement for congregate dining.
- The Grab and Go program sunset on May 5.
- Recent themed luncheons had great attendance.
- New chairs were received for the Lakeview Senior Center Rose Garden Café and new refrigerators were installed.
- Staff working to address no shows for congregate dining and challenges with related food waste.

C. Senior Plan for Aging

Senior Council Member Ragland reported the following:

- Committee reviewed purpose and focus of group. Topics are:
 - Policy
 - Social Engagement
 - Elder Abuse
 - Senior Nutrition/Food Security
 - OC Older Adult Behavioral Health
 - Technology
- Outreach Team will begin work to make connections with area hospitals and faith-based organizations.
- Resuming volunteer campaigns; great need for drivers for non-emergency medical appointments.
- Will work to include Housing as an area of focus.

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following:

- Goal to address issues with how City, county, and state interface.
- Irvine's Senior Services Strategic Plan will take into account the state and county's master plans on aging.

Discussion included strategic plan development timeline, Senior Council involvement, and outreach efforts.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacobs to:

Approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held May 19, 2022.

Following discussion, a request was made by Senior Council Member Suh to amend the minutes to reflect additional information added to his Senior Citizens Engagement report.

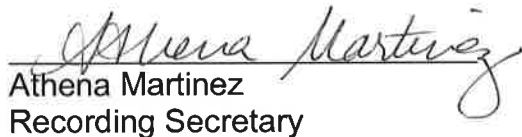
ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Senior Council Member Suh, seconded by Vice Chair Owens, and unanimously carried (Senior Council Member Chang absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held May 19, 2022 as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 11:31 a.m.



CHAIR



Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary



Date Approved