



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 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 July 21, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting virtually.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Senior Services Strategic Plan Update

1.1.1 Fiscal Year 2021-22 Senior Services Deliverables

1.1.2 Senior Services Strategic Plan Update Year 4 Highlights

Anne Kanter-Edwards, Community Services Program Specialist, and Kyle Raya, Community Services Specialist, provided a presentation on Senior Services Strategic Plan Update background, goals, and accomplishments.

Discussion included: housing waitlists; employment resources for seniors age 55-60; tracking and statistics; marketing of services; resources available for un-homed in Irvine and how addressed; City master plan achievements compared to State's master plan; pandemic impacts to service delivery and future planning; surveys and feedback from participants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments for Agendized items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments for Non-Agendized items.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- At the June 28 City Council meeting, the proposed ordinance to remove the vaccination requirement for congregate meal dining did not pass during the second reading. This item will be put on hold until COVID-19 numbers significantly decrease and staff are advised to bring the proposed ordinance back to City Council for review.
- The City is hosting Irvine Play Day on Thursday, July 28, to celebrate National Park and Recreation Month. Events will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at Adventure Playground, Great Park, and Lakeview Senior Center and will feature games, treats, and giveaways to celebrate Irvine's top-rated parks and community centers. Registration is not required, all ages are welcome.
- A COVID-19 vaccination clinic providing the Moderna vaccine for children six months to five years old will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Appointments are required and can be made at yourirvine.org. Please note, a waiver signed by parent or guardian for each minor will be required, and parent/guardian must provide a photo ID.

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

- There are still four Sizzlin' Summer Concerts left in the series, ending with the Pacific Symphony concert on August 14. Concerts will start at 5:30 p.m. at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge. Bring your 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.
- The California Department of Aging will host "CA for ALL Ages & Abilities Day of Action" in Sacramento on Tuesday, September 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join other master plan for aging stakeholders to elevate Aging, Disability, and Equity in statewide cross-sector planning in a day of activities that will include: conversations with national and state leaders in aging; a presentation by the Master Plan for Aging committees; and an interactive discussion and a call to action as we enter years three and four of the Master Plan for Aging. This event is free and open to the public. Register at caforall.org, capacity is limited.
- The Senior Connection will have a new look beginning with the fall issue, to include a modernized design, and additional pages to promote more of the activities, services, and events provided Senior Services.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Vice Chair Owens announced a Senior Scam Stopper Seminar at the Buena Park Senior Center on July 27.

Senior Council Member Jacobs announced the Irvine Multicultural Association's (IMA) Exploring Our World event highlighting Chinese culture and arts was very successful and thanked staff for assistance.

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)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- FOO beginning to collect items for 300 holiday gift bags to be distributed in December.
- Bingo participation is increasing, and there will be a big push for participation in August.
- FOO received a \$1,500 donation to supplement lack of program participation and income during pandemic.

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

On behalf of Kimberly Beeson, IADHS Executive Director, Manager Hilderbrand reported IADHS was able to reach its fundraising goal of matching a \$25,000 donation commitment.

D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

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

- IECSA held a successful IMA event on July 13.
- The regular IECSA monthly program was held on July 16 with 150 attendees.
- IECSA membership and participation remains strong.

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

Nasser Fathi, NEDA President, reported the following:

- In-person gatherings resumed 2-3 months ago in the Lakeview Senior Center craft room; maximum capacity is 30 persons, however participation is growing and need to move to a larger room.
- A program is scheduled for this evening from 5-9 p.m.
- NEDA participants are navigating transportation issues as TRIPS vans can bring participants to evening event, but there is no transportation available for after the event.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the July 8 SCAC meeting included:

- A presentation titled "Transportation Options for Older Adults" was provided by Joanne Jacobsen, Orange County Transportation Authority Community Transportation Coordinator. A variety of resources can be found at octa.net/gettingaround.
- Former Senior Council member Carolyn Inmon was appointed to the SCAC Executive Board.
- Erika Danczak provided an Office on Aging update as follows:
 - All 2,200 Senior Technology Program iPads have been distributed with data plan renewals
 - Office on Aging requested \$1.7 million dollars of Home and Community-based nutrition funding from the Board of Supervisors, approval pending
 - American Rescue Plan funding awards for years two and three are pending Board of Supervisor approvals

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the county is receiving a high volume of calls for financial assistance due to inflation impacts to costs of services.

B. Wellbeing Reimagined

Senior Council Member Chang reported a presentation was given by Judy Osuna, Alzheimer's Family Center Community Outreach & Education Manager, on impacts of Alzheimer's and shared techniques and exercises.

C. Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported discussions were centered on the Orange County homeless count and breakdown of housing needs.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement

Chair Sandlin reported:

- New legislation is being written to reduce property taxes paid by seniors in attempts to reduce homelessness among seniors.
- A funding request of \$212 million made by state legislators to support a variety of senior programs has been distributed as follows: \$59 million this year, \$89 million next year, and \$62 million the following year.
- Funding for senior nutrition and meal programs are being heavily impacted by current inflation rates.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee

Chair Sandlin reported the following:

- The Rancho Senior Center petition walls in multipurpose rooms and ballroom will be replaced.
- Updates for Lakeview Senior Center are:
 - The outdoor table tennis project was completed.
 - Cement slabs need to be updated to install new outdoor fitness equipment.
 - Refrigerator doors in the kitchen will be replaced.
 - Carpet on the stairs in the auditorium will be replaced.
 - Pickleball courts are in the near future.
 - Damage to exterior areas caused by skateboarders is being addressed.

B. Nutrition Committee – No report.

C. Senior Plan for Aging – No report.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held June 16, 2022 as amended.

ADJOURNMENT

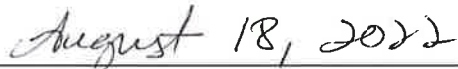
Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 10:26 a.m.



CHAIR



Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary



Date Approved