



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 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 November 17, 2022, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

Absent:	1	Senior Council Member	Jerry Chang
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Distinguished Service Awards

Chair Sandlin presented this award to Karen Young for her dedicated volunteerism and service to the Senior Services Nutrition Program.

1.2 Housing Division

Lisa Varon, Community Development Housing Manager, provided an overview of the City's Housing Division.

Discussion included: services and programs offered; policy changes post-COVID-19; affordable housing regulations for developers; life cycle of affordability designation; eligibility income levels and application process; waitlist process; evolution of HUD to current systems; housing element requirements; future affordable housing projects.

1.3 Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge Pickleball Project

Debby Platt, Community Services Administrator, and Rachel McLure, Community Services Senior Planner, provided an update on subject matter.

Discussion included: demand for sport; public outreach efforts; mitigation of concerns raised such as noise and lighting issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Senior Services offered a variety of programs and events over the past few weeks. Highlights include: Diwali Festival of Lights serving 175 participants; HICAP Annual open enrollment clinic serving 50 participants; Outreach Services distributed 20 emergency backpacks to participants of the Personal Safety presentation provided by Irvine Police Department; 117 American flags were delivered to Veterans in observance of Veterans Day. In October, Senior Services served over 9,500 participants through over 125 programs among the three senior centers. A full report and upcoming programs were provided as a handout.
- The Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee Holiday Toy Drive will run through December 14. Collection bins are located in the Irvine Civic Center Lobby, Irvine Police Department Lobby, and the Great Park Visitors Center. The 2/11 Marines will also be on-site on Sunday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park parking lot collecting donated items.
- The City's Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center Piazza. The event will include visits with Santa Claus, live holiday music, and a winter-themed train route. Guests are also encouraged to bring new, unwrapped gifts for the toy drive.

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

- The Senior Services Holiday Luncheon for Meals on Wheels participants is scheduled for December 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center.
- Holidayz at the Park will run from November 19 through January 1, 2023 and will include festive lights, photo backdrops with interactive displays and ongoing activities. Visit the City's website for more detailed information.
- The annual Senior Services Twilight Holiday Social will be held on December 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Trabuco Center. The event will include light refreshments and entertainment. Space is limited and registration is required, with a fee of \$10 per attendee.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the Irvine Multicultural Association Venezuela event was well attended with over 100 participants, and was the last event for this year.

Vice Chair Owens invited Senior Council Members to join her and Chair Sandlin at the Bingo Program and Holiday Gift Bag Volunteer award presentations at each respective event.

Chair Sandlin reported the following:

- Feedback was received from seniors at the City's Veterans Day event regarding fees for senior programs.
- Volunteers are needed to serve at the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee Holiday Party at Camp Pendleton.
- Thank you to staff for arranging/organizing flag deliveries to senior Veterans last week.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

A. Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association (SASA)

Priti Singh, SASA Chair, reported the following:

- SASA provides social engagement at Lakeview Senior Center for participants, averaging 60-80 on a regular basis.
- The October Diwali event, held in the Rose Garden Café, had 175 guests.
- The November 18 social will include a Personal Safety and Crime Prevention presentation by Irvine Police Department.
- Classes being offered are dance and movement, technology tutoring, and looking to offer more in 2023.

B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Kathleen Pfeiffer, President, reported that the Bingo and International Crafters will be dark on November 22, and holiday gift bag assembly will occur on November 28 and 29.

- C. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – No report.
- D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – No report.
- E. Irvine Korean Adult League – No report.
- F. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)

Nasser Fathi, President, reported the following:

- NEDA has been in existence for over 25 years.
- Elections for NEDA board positions were held on October 16.
- The weekly Thursday program is offered from 2:30-4:30 p.m. offering educational lectures, dancing, and music programs.
- The monthly evening program is offered the third Thursday of each month, all are invited.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the November 4 meeting included presentations on the Caregiver Resource Center and Alzheimer’s Orange County and election of officers. SCAC will be dark in December, the January meeting will include a Brown Act refresher, and the February meeting will focus on general planning/goal setting for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

- B. Wellbeing Reimagined

Vice Chair Owens reported the November 16 meeting focused on future planning in the areas of mental health.

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the meeting also included discussion on marketing/dissemination of information for countywide programs and accounting/distribution of funds.

- C. Housing/Transportation – No report.
- D. Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

- A. Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following:

- Completed projects include installation of outdoor fitness equipment at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge and an outdoor freezer for the Nutrition Program.

- Upcoming projects include kitchen upgrades at Rancho Senior Center and Trabuco Center, replacement of tables at the three senior centers, and replacement of carpet on stairs in the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium.

B. Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.

C. Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – No report.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions.

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried (Senior Council Member Chang absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held October 20, 2022.

3.2 IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried (Senior Council Member Chang absent) to approve the Irvine Senior Citizens Council meeting schedule for calendar year 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 10:23 a.m.



 CHAIR



 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary

1-19-2023

 Date Approved