



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2023
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 a.m. on January 19, 2023, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

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| 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 |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Ragland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis, Community Services Supervisor, provided instructions on how to participate in the Senior Council meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 Distinguished Service Award

Chair Sandlin presented this posthumous award to friends of Parvin Hatammejad, for her dedicated volunteerism, providing over 1,300 hours of service, to the Irvine senior community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no requests to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Kerry Anthony, representative from LifeSpring Home Nutrition, shared information about the organization’s meal preparation and delivery services as a provider of the state’s CalAIM Program.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis introduced new Keen Center for Senior Resources Program Specialist, Ginelle Ng.

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, announced reorganization within the Community Services Department.

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis made the following additional announcements:

- The City is partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County to collect sealed, unused, takeout utensil packs and unopened condiment packets, from January 9 through February 9. Donations will be used for Second Harvest meal programs.
- The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides in-person and virtual tax assistance, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low-to-moderate income. Services are provided by a team of trained and certified volunteers at Lakeview Senior Center every Wednesday, from February 8 through April 12. For additional information, or to make an appointment, contact the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Vice Chair Owens announced she is an appointed member on the County’s Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC) and has been selected Chair of SCAC’s Wellbeing Reimagined Subcommittee.

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 is grateful for the opportunity to be of service to Irvine’s senior community.
- Programs, such as yoga and Bollywood dance, are offered twice a month at Lakeview Senior Center, and SASA is working to add additional programs this year.

B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- Bingo program continues to grow in participation.
- International Crafters have started working on items for this year’s holiday gift bags and continue knitting caps for patients on chemotherapy.

- Kathleen Pfeiffer, FOO President, is working on scheduling the next restaurant fundraiser.

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's New Year celebration will be held on March 16; all Senior Council Members are invited and encouraged to RSVP.
- NEDA's programs are held weekly at 2:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center and include dancing, poetry readings, and more.
- President Fathi shared comments about Parvin Hatammejad and her dedicated volunteerism.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the January 13 meeting included an orientation presentation to review SCAC's responsibilities, and discussion also focused on establishing goals for the year.

Senior Council Member Suh reported the same meeting also included information on SCAC's funding structure and suggested that more representation from highest demographics be included on the SCAC Board.

B. Wellbeing Reimagined

Senior Council Member Ragland provided a handout of notes from the January 18 meeting and reported the meeting:

- Focused on review of the state's Master Plan on Aging goals and how to incorporate into committee goals.
- Highlighted new publication "Answers" and how best to distribute.
- Considered challenges of the digital divide among senior population as most senior-serving platforms are moving to online use only.

C. Housing/Transportation – No report.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Members Jacobs and Suh reported the following for Lakeview Senior Center:

- New tables will be ordered.
- A new convection oven will be ordered to replace the existing unit.
- Replacement of carpet on auditorium stairs has been put on hold.

Senior Council Member Suh requested a project schedule outlining scheduled projects, projects in progress, and completed projects.

B. Nutrition Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Baradehi provided a handout of notes from the December 6, 2022 meeting and reported:

- Nutrition Program statistics
- Updates to food providers/vendors
- Meals on Wheels (MOW) service delivery updates
- Need for MOW driver volunteers continues

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 Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held November 17, 2022.

3.2 IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Sandra Salcedo, Interim Community Services Manager, presented the staff report and discussion included Senior Council Member interest in the various committees.

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried to appoint representatives to the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council affiliated committees and the Irvine Senior Citizens Council subcommittees as follows:

Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Rachel Owens, Myung Suh
Wellbeing Reimagined – Greta Jacobs, Rachel Owens
Housing & Transportation – Amal Baradehi, Patti Ragland
Senior Citizens Engagement – Bill Sandlin, Myung Suh

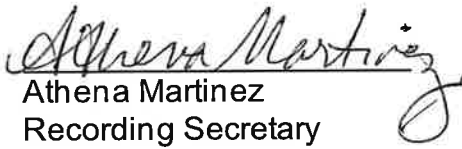
Facilities Subcommittee – Greta Jacobs, Bill Sandlin, Myung Suh
Nutrition Subcommittee – Amal Baradehi, Greta Jacobs, Rachel Owens
Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – Patti Ragland, Myung Suh

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Ragland, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacobs, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 9:55 a.m.



CHAIR


Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary

2/16/2023

Date Approved