



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

March 16, 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 9:02 a.m. on March 16, 2023, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Bill Sandlin
Absent:	1	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Owens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Recording Secretary Athena Martinez 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 Awards

1.1.1 Chair Sandlin presented this award to James Mullen for his dedicated service as a volunteer instructor teaching Jazz and Ballet.

1.2 Charitable Ventures OC

Presentation moved to the April meeting due to scheduling conflict for the presenter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were none.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, announced the following:

- The Nowruz Persian New Year celebration will be held on March 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. with live entertainment, dancing, and refreshments. This dinner event, presented by NEDA Association of Iranian-American Seniors, includes fish, rice, cookies, and tea.
- The Senior Services Volunteer Recognition will be held on April 21 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Volunteers will be recognized for their dedicated service in 2022. An invitation was provided to Senior Council Members.
- Senior Services will host three open house events at each of the three senior centers on April 27. Attendees will have a chance to sample programs and learn about the many services and resources available to Irvine seniors. Event hours are staggered through the day so attendees may visit all three centers. A flyer was distributed.
- In partnership with Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Citizen & Naturalizations Clinics are offered to Irvine seniors eligible for naturalization, providing one-on-one assistance with completing citizenship applications, fee waivers, and interview preparations, at no cost. Clinics are held at Lakeview Senior Center on the second Tuesday each month, from noon to 3 p.m. For additional information or to register, please contact the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926.

Sandra Salcedo, Community Services Interim Manager, announced the following:

- Outreach efforts are underway for the development of the next five-year strategic plan for seniors. These efforts aim to collect input from residents and providers around five key areas: Healthy Living; Housing and Emergency Preparation; Marketing and Communication; Social Well-Being; and Transportation. A community survey opened on March 10 and will close on April 10, and a mailing of 10,000 postcards announcing the launch of the survey were sent to Irvine seniors. The postcards display a QR code directing recipients to the electronic survey, and the City URL www.cityofirvine.org/seniorplan. Surveys can be completed electronically or in person at Lakeview and Rancho senior centers, or Trabuco Center. The community survey is available in seven languages: English, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Mandarin, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Since the launch of the survey on March 10, 191 responses have been received: 94% in English, 9% in Chinese, and between 1 and 2% in Hindi, Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese. The first of two provider forums was held on March 7 with 10 aging services providers in attendance. The second provider forum will be held on March 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Vice Chair Owens encouraged Senior Council participation at community engagement meetings for the development of the Strategic Plan for Seniors.

Chair Sandlin shared information about increase in fraudulent calls and encouraged awareness of scams.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

2.1.1 Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association – No report.

2.1.2 Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- Bingo program participation has increased.
- International Crafters is working on holiday gift bag items.
- City Councilmember Agran has committed a Community Partnership Fund grant to FOO.
- FOO is waiting to receive funds from recent restaurant fundraiser.

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

Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director, reported the following:

- IADHS averaging 21 to 22 participants daily with three newly enrolled and four more pending.
- Social Workers are conducting regular outreach calls and working with participants regarding recertification of Medi-Cal eligibility.
- The student intern program has been reinstated.
- New state public health orders relative to COVID-19 become effective April 4, removing mask mandate, rescinding requirements for vaccinations and/or boosters, and changes to isolation/exposure protocols.
- Attended the March 15 Community Services Commission meeting to present Community Development Block Grant application, seeking funding for skilled nursing/social services.

2.1.4 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Ann Hwu, Co-President, reported the following:

- February was a very important month in the Chinese culture and two New Year celebrations were held.
- A special event honoring Peter Chan was well attended.
- IECSA programs are held the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and everyone is welcome.
- IECSA will offer an excursion on March 21 to Antelope Valley to see the super bloom.

2.1.5 Irvine Korean Adult League (IKAL)

Charlie Choi, Chairperson, reported the following:

- Yohan Park is IKAL's President.
- There are approximately 35,000 Koreans in the Irvine community.
- IKAL is working with staff to identify a room at Lakeview Senior Center to provide programs and activities.
- IKAL will be submitting an application for funds from the Irvine Recovery Plan-Emerging Nonprofits Grant Program.
- Thank you to staff for reaching out during recent illness.

2.1.6 NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors - No report.

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

2.2.1 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the following summary from the March 10 meeting:

- A presentation, Community Nutrition Programs Serving Seniors, was provided by Sue Langley from Saddleback Outreach Programs.
- Office on Aging is providing CalFresh enrollment assistance and interested parties may call 800-510-2020.
- Medi-Cal participants must now provide requalification information to be covered effective July 1.
- The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federal program funding broadband service and internet connectivity to low-income households.
- The County's Office on Aging is conducting a public hearing on April 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Easter Seals office, located at 1063 McGaw Avenue, Irvine, to present information and solicit comments on the draft 2023-34 Area Plan Update.

2.2.2 Wellbeing Reimagined

Vice Chair Owens shared the committee's goals to provide 10,000 copies of the *Answers* publication throughout the community and to disseminate information on the Affordable Connectivity program.

2.2.3 Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Ragland provided a handout summarizing the meeting, which focused on scheduling future presentations.

Vice Chair Owens announced all SCAC committee meetings will now be in-person only, with recordings available on their website within 3-5 days post meeting.

2.2.4 Senior Citizens Engagement

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following summary from the February 27 meeting:

- A presentation on the Anatomy of a Scam was presented by Karen Rossi from the Council on Aging.
- Committee is working on legislation to address the “confidential marriage” option in California as it has become an increased avenue for fraud against seniors.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

2.3.1 Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following updates:

Lakeview Senior Center

- Re-roofing over kitchen and offices was completed in February.
- Counter and cabinet replacement scheduled for end of April.
- Replacement of carpet stairs in auditorium to be scheduled prior to June 30.
- Replacement of storage sheds in parking lot is being reviewed.
- Pickleball courts in adjacent park in planning stages.

Rancho Senior Center

- Tables to be replaced.
- Dividing wall in multipurpose room is still in the planning stage.

Trabuco Center

- Tables to be replaced.
- Kitchen upgrades to support Nutrition Program are still pending and Senior Services is working with Public Works Department on this project.

IADHS

- HVAC repairs ongoing.

2.3.2 Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.

2.3.3 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 by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held February 16, 2023.

END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Ragland, seconded by Vice Chair Owens, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Bill Sandli
CHAIR

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Recording Secretary

April 20, 2023
Date Approved