



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 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 June 15, 2023, 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	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

**arrived at 9:17 a.m.*

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.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATION

1.1 Senior Services Strategic Plans

1.1.1 Senior Services Strategic Plan Update (Plan Update) Fiscal Years 2018-19 through 2022-23 Achievements

Kyle Raya and Hee Jin Lee, Community Services Program Coordinators, presented on Plan Update achievements.

Discussion included: method for reporting achievements; effectively measuring marketing/outreach efforts; easier access to transportation information; capturing data on shortfalls; opportunity for staff to provide input on what did/did not work, wants versus needs.

Items for consideration:

- Post-class/activity survey to be modified to include name of class taken as individuals may often participate in more than one class/activity
- Transportation options for after hours and weekends
- How best to clarify/inform City's housing obligations

1.1.2 Strategic Plan 2023-28 Development

Hallie Stohler-Plaza, Charitable Ventures Project Lead, presented on progress to date on the development of the next five-year plan (Plan).

Discussion included: continuity of Plan Update and new Plan; program and space capacity issues; increased sensitivity to religious and cultural group needs; Plan development and approval timeline; challenges with providing information to those that see no use for it; terminology used for older adult population.

RECESS

Chair Sandlin called for a recess at 10:25 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Sandlin reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Jennifer Kim, resident, made the following comments via Zoom:

- Appreciates the addition of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion perspective in the Senior Services Strategic Plan development as it relates to persons with disabilities.
- Suggested piloting a door-to-door program in areas with high concentration of seniors to obtain more input.

- Suggested use of medical translation services for seniors to receive information in preferred language.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Slama, Director of Community Services, provided the following updates about Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS):

- City in continued discussions with Kimberly Beeson, IADHS Executive Director, and IADHS Board of Directors regarding sustainability of services as well as immediate and long-term needs.
- Primary challenges are fiscal impacts due to pandemic and staff attrition; City has committed to utilizing surplus funds as a temporary means of support, considering financial support of \$300,000 to \$500,000.
- Initial action identified by IADHS Board was to dissolve the organization and cease programs and services; City priority is to maintain, perhaps under a new non-profit entity or a hybrid approach.
- Executive Director Beeson will be resigning and moving out of state by end of August; Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis is shadowing Executive Director Beeson to provide additional support in the interim.
- Other factors are capacity of programming, space requirements based on licensing, community interest/demand; slow return of participants upon center reopening; waitlist of 100 individuals.

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

- The second annual Juneteenth Freedom Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Park Palm Court Complex.
- The City's Movies on the Lawn at the Great Park and Sizzlin' Summer Concert Series at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge are now celebrated under the umbrella of Summers in the City. A handout for all events was distributed.
- In partnership with the County of Orange, the Access to Technology Program has been extended to Lakeview Senior Center. This program allows for participants to access iPads for use within the center, at no charge. For additional information, visit or call the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926.
- In partnership with the office of City Councilmember Larry Agran, Cox Communications will offer a free one-day tech event on July 6 at Lakeview Senior Center. This event is designed for older adults and will feature hands-on tutorials for home tech equipment provided in two sessions: from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more details and to register for the event, please contact the office of Councilmember Agran at 949-724-6233 or larryagran@cityofirvine.org

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Senior Council Member Saadi requested input from Senior Council regarding accreditation of City Senior Services to provide Continuing Medical Education credits, in partnership with medical groups, to health care providers to familiarize them with programs and services offered by the City. Intended outcome would be for physicians to share resources with older adult patients.

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

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the Crafters Cart is available Tuesday mornings, and is currently offering a half-off sale for the next two weeks. After that, the cart will be unavailable until October.

2.1.3 Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc.

Provided above by Director Slama during Staff Announcements.

2.1.4 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association

Jerry Chang, Director, reported the following:

- Membership continues to grow; close to 300 members.
- Average attendance at regular meetings is 150-200.
- The June 17 event will include a health lecture provided by a University of California, Irvine medical student.

2.1.5 Irvine Korean Adult League (IKAL)

Charlie Choi, Chairman, reported the following:

- Irvine has more than 25,000 Korean residents.
- IKAL is doing well and growing.
- IKAL is working on providing more programs, currently providing classes and information on senior center happenings.

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) – No report.

2.2.2 Wellbeing Reimagined – No report.

2.2.3 Housing/Transportation – No report.

2.2.4 Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees

2.3.1 Facilities Subcommittee – No report.

2.3.2 Nutrition Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Baradehi provided a handout and shared the Congregate Nutrition Program continues to work through no-show challenges and related food waste. Meals on Wheels now has 19 routes, program still in need of volunteer drivers.

2.3.3 Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee

Update provided by staff during Presentation.

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 May 18, 2023.

END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Bill Santilli
CHAIR

Athena Martinez (mp)
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Recording Secretary

July 20, 2023
Date Approved