



MINUTES

IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 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 September 21, 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 9:02 a.m.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary, provided instructions on how to participate in the Senior Council meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

INTRODUCTIONS

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis, Community Services Supervisor, introduced the following City staff:

- Brian King, Assistant City Manager
- Chris Slama, Director of Community Services
- Dena Diggins, Deputy Director of Community Services

Deputy Director Diggins introduced Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, and staff liaison to the Senior Council.

1. PRESENTATION

1.1 Core Comprehensive Health and Wellness Update

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and distributed an organizational chart for the Office of Health and Wellness.

Highlights include:

- Created at City Council's direction in February 2023.
- A committee comprised of subject matter experts was created and a community survey was conducted.
- A Chief Health and Wellbeing Strategist has been hired, former employee George Searcy, and will start November 1.
- The City is now part of The Big City Mayors Coalition made up of 13 largest cities with a population of over 300,000. This allows for Irvine to be eligible for state funding in support of housing and homelessness prevention.
- The Office of Health and Wellness will consist of three focus areas: Prevention Services, Housing & Supportive Services, and Crisis Services.

Discussion included: collaborations with other City services and programs; oversight of existing activities such as Senior Expo and the like; expectations for ongoing communications; need for availability of multicultural services; development of a one-stop resource phone number in the works; enhancement of education and marketing; need for one central portal for older adults.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis made the following announcements:

- The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) is accepting applications for Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) through September 29, ending at 11:59 p.m. To apply online for program waitlist, visit ochousing.org or visit the Keen Center for Senior Resources to pick up a paper application. Residents 50 and over needing additional assistance with the application process can schedule an in-person or phone consultation with Senior Services staff by calling 949-724-6926 or via email at keencenter@cityofirvine.org. Computers and tablets will be provided. Application assistance is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through September 29.
- In partnership with OCHA, the City will host a Housing Choice Waitlist Application Event on Wednesday, September 27, from 12-2 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. OCHA representatives will be available on-site to answer general questions for individuals 50 and over. To register for this event, or to obtain additional information, please contact the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926 or via email keencenter@cityofirvine.org.

- The 22nd Annual Irvine Global Village Festival at the Great Park will be on October 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City's signature event features a full day of local and global cuisine, art, music, cultural exhibits, and a global marketplace. The event will feature the best of Irvine's historic fall festivals and areas designated for unique kids' activities.
- Little ghouls and goblins are invited to Trick-or-Treat at Lakeview Senior Center on Friday, October 27, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Preschool-age children will enjoy a spook-tacular morning featuring special trick-or-treat stations, snacks, and age-appropriate activities. Registration is recommended; walk-ups will be admitted as space permits. For more information or to register, visit yourirvine.org or contact 949-724-6900. If interested in volunteering at this event, contact volunteer@cityofirvine.org.
- Ektaa Center's South Asian Senior Association will present a Diwali celebration on Friday, November 3 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Enjoy cultural entertainment and light refreshments. Registration is required and can be done at yourirvine.org; a fee of \$5 applies.
- Effective for the November 16 Senior Council meeting, and moving forward, regular meetings of the Senior Council will be held in Council Chamber at 1 Civic Center Plaza and will be broadcast on ICTV. In preparation for this change, staff would like to provide Senior Council members the opportunity for a brief training in Chamber to review equipment that will be used, such as microphones and dais screens, to become familiar with the equipment and new meeting space. Recording Secretary Martinez will reach out to schedule trainings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

There were no Senior Council announcements or updates.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

2.1.1 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported SCAC General Committee reviewed proposed revisions to bylaws.

2.1.2 Wellbeing Reimagined

Vice Chair Owens reported nine cultural organizations are collaborating to conduct outreach in the County to provide mental health crisis support and provide referrals.

2.1.3 Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the following:

- A presentation was provided on Senior Mobility and Non-emergency Transportation programs.
- Information shared about the training process to access services.
- The 2022-23 report on non-emergency statistics was provided.
- Results of the Abrazar and Age Well satisfaction survey were shared.
- County is considering name change from Senior Citizens Advisory Council to Orange County Older Adult Advisory Commission.

2.1.4 Senior Citizens Engagement

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following:

- Committee reviewed Older Adult Cohort.
- Committee updating bylaws, identifying goals, and reviewing relationship with Board of Supervisors.
- Committee reviewed recent bills that were passed.

Chair Sandlin suggested Meredith Chillemi, presenter of the Older Adult Cohorts presentation, be invited to a future Senior Council meeting as a guest speaker.

2.2 Senior Citizens Council Subcommittees

2.2.1 Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Jacobs provided an update on work being done to the fireplace in the Lakeview Senior Center Homer Guimond Studio.

Senior Council Member Suh provided a handout with project updates.

2.2.2 Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.

2.2.3 Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – No report.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

3. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS

3.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held August 17, 2023.

3.2 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES 2023 THROUGH 2028

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, presented the item and distributed a handout with recommended edits gathered during briefings with Senior Council Members. Additional suggested revisions were made.

ACTION:

Moved by Vice Chair Owens to recommend City Council adopt the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 as presented. There was no second; motion failed.

ACTION:

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and carried 6-1-0 to recommend City Council approve the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 with revisions as outlined in handout provided, and to further include: inclusivity of faith-based groups; clarification of Charitable Ventures role; actionable items related to Plan goals.

AYES:	6	Baradehi, Jacobs, Owens, Ragland, Sandlin, Suh
NOES:	1	Saadi
ABSENT:	0	None
ABSTAIN:	0	None

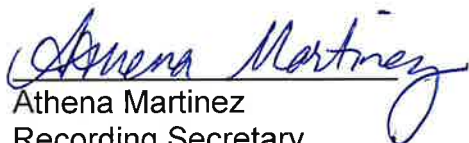
END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS


ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 11:17 a.m.



 CHAIR


 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary



 Date Approved