



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

November 16, 2023
Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9 a.m. on November 16, 2023, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Senior Council Member	Michele Jacknik
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Senior Council Member	Preeti Singh
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

Absent:	1	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
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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

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, introduced new Senior Council Members-at-Large Michele Jacknik and Preeti Singh.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- At the meeting of November 14, City Council unanimously approved comprehensive updates to Bylaws for all City Commissions and Committees. The updates intend to: (1) ensure all commissions and committees are following applicable City Council-adopted policies and procedures; (2) establish consistency in the procedures for preparing agendas and conducting meetings; (3) reaffirm the powers and duties bestowed upon commissions and committees; and (4), cure minor inconsistencies that exist across groups. Staff will bring updated Senior Council bylaws for review in the coming months, and may also present a recommended name change for this commission. A change in name is recommended to avoid confusion about the role and designation of the Senior Council and will likely replace the term “senior” with “older adult.”
- The final draft of the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 will be going before City Council on November 28 for adoption.
- The Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee Holiday Toy Drive has begun and will run through December 11. Collection bins for new, unwrapped gifts suitable for infants or children ages 12 and younger, are located in the lobbies of City Hall and Police Department, and at Great Park Visitors Center. The 2/11 Marines will also be collecting toys on Sunday, December 3, and Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Civic Center Parking Lot.
- Enjoy an enchanting evening of holiday festivities at Illuminate Irvine on Saturday, December 2, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Great Park Palm Court Arts Complex. Ring in the season with family and friends with “winter wonderland” inspired activities and holiday music classics. The evening culminates with the lighting of the civic holiday tree. Guests are encouraged to donate a new, unwrapped gift for the toy drive. A flyer was provided.
- To continue the season of holiday cheer, the Great Park will transform into a winterscape with Holidayz at the Park. Festivities begin during Illuminate Irvine on December 2 and will run through January 7, 2024. Event includes festive lights, photo ops with interactive displays and backdrops, and ongoing activities. Visit the City’s website at cityofirvine.org for more detailed information.
- The annual Senior Services Twilight Holiday Social will be held on Friday, December 8, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Trabuco Center. Due to popularity, this event is sold out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Doug Elliott, Irvine resident, spoke in favor of using the term “elder” versus “older adult” or “senior” when a change of name is considered for the Senior Council.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Chair Sandlin announced volunteers are needed for the Irvine 2/11 Marine Holiday Party at Camp Pendleton in December. Additional details will be shared with anyone interested.

Senior Council Member Jacobs announced Friends of Outreach will begin assembling 300 gift bags for Meals on Wheels and Care Management participants. A special thank you to the following for contributions to this annual project:

- Former Senior Council Vice Chair Rachel Owens for securing the donation of 300 bags.
- Former Senior Council Member Patti Ragland for assisting.
- Senior Council Member Baradehi for assisting.

1. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1.1 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

1.1.1 Senior Citizens Advisory Council – No report.

1.1.2 Wellbeing Reimagined – No report.

1.1.3 Housing/Transportation – No report.

1.1.4 Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

1.2 Senior Citizens Council Subcommittees

1.2.1 Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Suh reported the electric vehicle charging stations have been installed at Trabuco Center.

1.2.2 Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.

1.2.3 Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – No report.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

2. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS

2.1 MINUTES

ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Suh, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacobs, and unanimously carried by those members present (Senior Council Member Baradehi absent), to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held October 19, 2023.

2.2 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

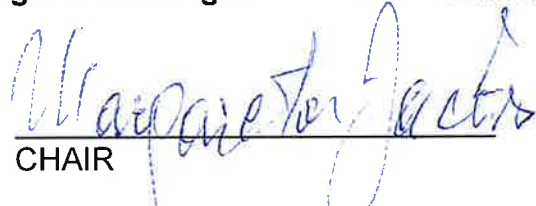
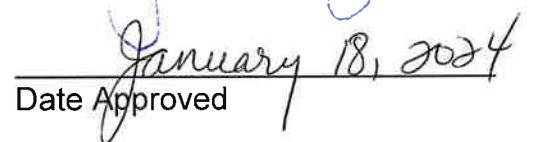
ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacknik, and unanimously carried by those members present (Senior Council Member Baradehi absent), to approve the meeting schedule for calendar year 2024.

END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senior Council Member Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacknik, and unanimously carried by those members present (Senior Council Member Baradehi absent), to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Council at 9:21 a.m.


Athena Martinez
Recording Secretary


CHAIR

Date Approved