



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**July 18, 2024**  
**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 9:00 a.m. on July 18, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacobs presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Senior Council Member	Michele Jacknik
		Senior Council Member	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Senior Council Member	Bill Sandlin
		Senior Council Member	Preeti Singh
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Amal Baradehi
		Chair	Greta Jacobs

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jacobs 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

There were no introductions.

### 1. PRESENTATIONS

#### *1.1 Be Well OC*

Sameeha Alkamalee Jabbar, MSW, LCSW, Be Well OC Irvine Hope Team Manager-Mobile Response Services, provided a presentation on Be Well OC.

Discussion included: call center and dispatching; enforcement authority; collaboration between Be Well Crisis Assessment Team and Irvine Police Department; assessment and action for minors; facility capacities; service hours and handling of calls after hours.

### **1.2 Senior Services Quarterly Review**

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis and Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisors, provided a presentation on quarterly updates for Senior Services programs.

Discussion included: status of pickleball project at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Rachel Owens, Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OCAAC) Senior Center Liaison, reported OCAAC has identified three main guiding goals: dissemination of information, aging in place, and transportation. Focus at the moment is to inform the public of services available, website updates, and updating apps.

Debra Miller Osorio, Resident, stated appreciation for Irvine CONNECT service, requesting consideration that stops be added to Rancho Senior Center and Trabuco Center.

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **2.1 STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- The City's free Summer in the City events continue this summer.
  - Thursday night Movies on the Lawn at Great Park Live on July 18 and August 1 with screenings of *Trolls Band Together* and *Wonka*, respectively.
  - Saturday night summer concerts at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge will be held on July 27 with the 80s band, *The Reflexx*, and on August 10 with the 60s rock and roll band, *1969 the Tribute*.
  - The Pacific Symphony's free Symphony in the City event will be on Sunday, August 18 at Great Park Live. There will be family-friendly activities beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m.
- The Pacific Symphony is also offering a series of its own events at Great Park Live as follows:
  - July 27 – Rhapsody in Blue at 100: Concert of Hope
  - August 10 – Star Wars: Return of the Jedi in Concert
  - Tickets prices vary according to seat selection and can be purchased at [pacificsymphony.org](http://pacificsymphony.org)
- In collaboration with the Melinda Hoag Smith Center for Healthy Living, one-on-one consultations are available with a Community Nurse Navigator to address

health concerns, collaborate on better care planning, and receive continued education to improve self-care for adults age 50 and older. Appointments are available at no cost, on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:30-11:45 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. Visit [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org) to register.

- The annual Irvine Senior Variety Show will be held on August 8 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. Register at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org), course number 102892.
- Irvine CONNECT provides free shuttle service for community members, making it easier than ever to get around the City. Ride Irvine CONNECT to travel between the northern end of Irvine to Irvine Station, with stops at parks, schools, hospitals, and shopping centers. Visit [irvineconnect.org](http://irvineconnect.org) for more information.

## **2.2 SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES – No report.**

## **2.3 SENIOR SERVICES SUPPORT INTEREST GROUPS**

### **2.3.1 Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association (SASA)**

Senior Council Member Singh reported SASA continues to offer socials and educational programs. Next presentation will be Irvine CONNECT. Summer season activities are being enjoyed by membership, and thank you to staff for continued support.

### **2.3.2 Friends of Outreach (FOO)**

Chair Jacobs reported FOO is preparing to celebrate its 40th anniversary in January 2025, there was an increase in craft class attendance, and the Bingo program is doing well.

### **2.3.3 Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – No report.**

### **2.3.4 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)**

IECSA Members Jerry Chang and Annette Wen reported the following:

- IECSA preparing to celebrate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary by creating a yearbook for its membership, to include congratulatory letters received by City Council members and management.
- The next monthly meeting will be held on July 20 to include dancing and musical performances.
- Programs have grown and now have waitlists; seeking options for additional space.
- Upcoming events are the Mid-Autumn Festival on September 13, Healthy Living Expo on September 20, Irvine Global Village on October 5.

### **2.3.5 NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – No report.**

**2.4 ORANGE COUNTY OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY COMMISSION** – No report.

**2.5 SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE** – No report.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING**

**3.1 REQUEST FINDING OF NO NON-PROFIT AGENCIES READILY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES UNDER THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM**

Chair Jacobs opened the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, presented the staff report.

There were no Public Hearing comments.

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Singh, and unanimously carried by those members present to close the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.**

Senior Council Member comments included: augmentation/expansion of current transportation services; application and qualification process.

**4. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**4.1 MINUTES**

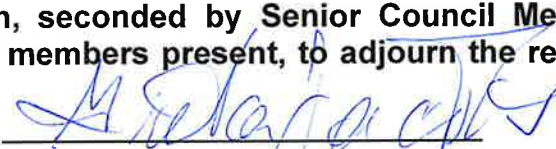

**ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Sandlin, seconded by Vice Chair Baradehi, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held June 20, 2024.**

**END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Senior Council Member Sandlin, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacknik, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Council at 10:12 a.m.**

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary  
Recording Secretary

  
CHAIR  
  
Date Approved