

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 2012
9 a.m.

LAKEVIEW SENIOR CENTER
20 LAKE ROAD
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council was called to order on May 17, 2012, 9 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California, by Chair Wong.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	SAM CASTELO
COUNCILMEMBER	GRETA JACOBS
COUNCILMEMBER	NAJMA QUADER
VICE CHAIR	KATHLEEN PFEIFFER
CHAIR	PK WONG

ABSENT

COUNCILMEMBER	CHARLIE CHOI
COUNCILMEMBER	JANET KLEIN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Jacobs

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Jacobs

In memory of Paul Grey

INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENTATIONS

1. Distinguished Service Awards

Nancy Cheng was recognized for her volunteer services and as a past Member-at-Large on the Senior Citizens Council.

2. South County Senior Summit Update – Ruby Young

Council Executive Assistant Ruby Young attended the South County Senior Summit held March 23 at Laguna Woods Village and provided an update on the Summit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senior Services Strategic Plan Update – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll stated the Senior Services Strategic Plan was approved by the City Council at its May 8 meeting. A final copy of the plan was distributed to Councilmembers.

- Senior Services Donor Open House – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger stated the Community Partner Open House for members of the business community will be held May 24 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. The purpose of the open house is to provide a venue for the business community to learn about service and donation opportunities.

- California State Legislature Information – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger stated printed copies of the California Senior Legislature (CSL) web site opinions of pending legislation will be available in the Keen Resource Center to help inform seniors of pending legislation.

- City of Irvine Wall of Recognition – Lynne Conger, Supervisor

Supervisor Conger stated the Wall of Recognition ceremony has been changed from June to October.

- Facility Committee Recommendations – Ed Kaleikini, Supervisor

Supervisor Kaleikini stated staff will provide a presentation of the recommended facility updates at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers at the June 21 Senior Citizens Council meeting. Health and safety issues are the committee's first priority when considering facility needs.

Councilmember Castelo stated his concerns about project costs such as the gazebo project at Lakeview. Superintendent Driscoll stated she would provide Senior Council with project costs when they are available.

- Ride the Bus Event – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld stated the Ride the Bus event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. An orientation will be held from 10 – 11 a.m. followed by a bus ride from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. A box lunch will be available to purchase for \$5, otherwise individuals attending the training can either bring a lunch or return to Lakeview. The orientation will include how to read a bus book, where to buy a ticket and more.

- Program Update – Lydie Gutfeld, Program Coordinator

Program Coordinator Gutfeld presented an update on Senior Services programs at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmember Pfeiffer raised the question of possibly establishing a library or quiet reading area at Lakeview Senior Center. This suggestion will be brought to the Facilities Committee meeting for discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Sayre presented her comments regarding support of the Senior Services Strategic Plan and offered additional suggestions for implementation regarding senior housing.

RECESS

Chair Wong recessed the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:03 a.m.

RECONVENE TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING

Chair Wong reconvened the Senior Citizens Council meeting at 10:18 a.m.

COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups

- A. Irvine Adult Day Health Services – Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director

Director Beeson provided the following information:

- Staff is working with clients to continue the transition from Medi-Cal portion of the program to the new Community Based Adult Services program;
- At this time 49 participants seniors in the Community Based Adult Services program are covered through Medi-Cal;
- Facility upgrades include new chairs and new dining room tables;
- Another Brain Fitness computer was donated to the center;

- The wine-pull fund raiser event held on April 19 at Atria Woodbridge raised \$2,200 which will go toward the purchase of a new piece of equipment;
- Sunrise donated \$200 to go toward the purchase of a new piece of gym equipment – still need \$1,700 to purchase the equipment; and
- Friends of Outreach donated \$1,000 to Irvine Adult Day Health Services.

B. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – Clara Lin, President

Chair Wong reported elections will be held at the next meeting, no program scheduled.

C. Irvine Multicultural Association – Maria Yousef, President

The next movie presentation is “Children of Heaven” on June 6 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

D. Friends of Outreach – Jan Owens, President

President Owens reported the following:

- The Cookie Lee fundraiser event held on Friday, June 11 raised \$210;
- A fundraiser will be held at Mimi’s restaurant on Wednesday, June 13;
- Friends of Outreach will participate in the Community Partner Open House scheduled for Thursday, May 24;
- Friends of Outreach donated \$1,000 to Irvine Adult Day Health Services and \$2,500 to Senior Services for special needs; and
- The boutique will be closed for the summer.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – Linda Lako, President

President Lako reported the Irvine Senior Travelers are planning excursions for 2013. The trip to Cuba this summer is successful with 26-27 participants signed up for the trip.

- F. Irvine Korean Evergreen Academy – Charlie Choi, Member

No report.

- G. NEDA – Association of Iranian American Seniors – Massy Alavi, Member

Member Alavi stated elections were held two months ago and a meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17 from 5 – 9 p.m.

- H. Leadership Committee – Chair Wong, Vice Chair Pfeiffer, Member Jacobs

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 12 at 1 p.m. The location is yet to be determined – the committee may meet at Lakeview Senior Center instead of Rancho Senior Center.

2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

- A. Housing / Transportation – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Castelo and Jacobs

Vice Chair Pfeiffer distributed an article regarding intergenerational housing in Irvine.

Member Jacobs reported it was announced at the Housing/Transportation Committee meeting that funding for housing has already been distributed and houses purchased. No further details were provided.

Chair Wong stated individuals in Mission Viejo can now utilize a program called “Second Stop” which allows individuals to take a cab to a destination and the cab will wait 20 minutes for the person without charging them an extra fee.

- B. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Councilmember Quader

Councilmember Quader reported the following from the Senior Citizens Advisory Council meeting held on Friday, May 11, at the Tustin Library in Tustin:

- Dr. Claudia Kawas, Professor of Neurology, Neurobiology and Behavior at University of California, Irvine presented an informational presentation on *Successful Aging*;
- Executive Director Sylvia Mann presented the Activity Report that included the following upcoming activities:
 - North Orange County Senior Summit, hosted by Supervisor Shawn Nelson on Saturday, June 9 at the Fullerton Ruby Gerontology Center;
 - Central County Senior and Caregiver Expo, hosted by Supervisor Janet Nguyen on Saturday, August 25 at the Crystal Cathedral.

C. Health and Nutrition –Councilmembers Choi and Quader

Dr. Malik, Director of Preventative Cardiology, presented an informational presentation on *Preventative Health*.

D. Legislative – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Klein

Vice Chair Pfeiffer stated Veterans office speaker Joseph Ford provided information regarding veterans' benefits. In many cases veterans' funds remain unused due to a lack of knowledge of how to utilize the funds.

Supervisor Conger distributed a flier on *Aging and the Silver Tsunami* Town Hall meeting on Friday, May 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Mission Viejo Country Club. This Town Hall meeting will present hot topics in Aging Policy and an "Ask the Expert" panel.

3. Senior Citizens Council Committees

A. Facilities Committee – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Castelo and Jacobs

The next Facilities Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13 at Lakeview Senior Center.

B. Nutrition Committee – Vice Chair Pfeiffer and Councilmember Quader

- Food Specialist Kimberly May informed the Nutrition Committee a salad bar is under consideration for the dining room;
- Councilmember Quader commended the Meals on Wheels program and noted the need for donations for nutrition services.

C. Donor Committee – Chair Wong; Councilmembers Choi and Klein

Chair Wong noted the donation by Friends of Outreach.

UPCOMING BUSINESS ITEMS

- Facility Naming
- Disabled Parking Spaces at Lakeview Senior Center

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Senior Services Proposed Budget FY 2012-13 – Sheila Driscoll, Superintendent

Superintendent Driscoll presented the Senior Services Proposed Budget FY 2012-13 and responded to Councilmembers questions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It was moved by Councilmember Jacobs, and seconded by Vice Chair Pfeiffer to approve the recommendation that City Council approve Fiscal Year 2012-13 Senior Services Budget.

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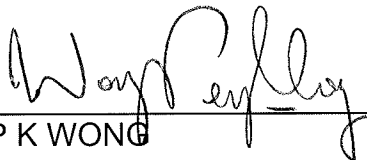
2. Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: It was moved by Vice Chair Pfeiffer, and seconded by Councilmember Quader to approve the minutes of a regular meeting held on April 19, 2012.

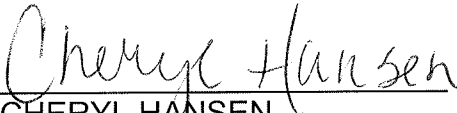
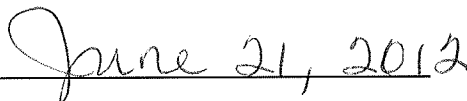
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END COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT at 11:19 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012.



P K WONG
CHAIR

 Dated: 

CHERYL HANSEN
RECORDING SECRETARY