

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 14, 2012

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Senior Commission Meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:01 a.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Present: N. Kobashigawa, D. Thibeault, R. Fischer  
P. Davis, N. Rowe, L. Villareal-Yu,  
A. Esparza

Commissioner Absent: D. Ford, A. Sweetland

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioners nominated & elected 2012 Chairman & Vice Chairman  
Commissioner Davis nominated Chair Rowe for a second term with Commissioner Fischer seconded. No further nominations - motion passed.

Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Esparza, for Vice Chair, which was seconded by Chair Rowe. No further nominations – motion passed.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No corrections to Minutes from November, December and January. Commissioner Fischer moved to approve all minutes with Vice Chair Esparza seconded. Motion passed to approve November, December and January minutes.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Tracy pointed out the need for senior commission to use city council to advance senior concerns.

**E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR**

Commission recognized Mr. Emigdio Hernandez, Wilson Senior Center Pool tournament Champion. Fernando Garcia, Wilson Center Director received trophy and certificate in Mr. Hernandez behalf.

**F. PRESENTATIONS**

There are no presentations for this meeting

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Eastlake reported on Senior Services programming and activities – Colonia Center is celebrating Valentine Day today with a party. The Center also hosted a Cal Fresh (Food Stamps) presentation on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The Center works with the Green Valley Pre-School once a month to socialize with the children.

South Oxnard Center hosted “Maintaining YOUR Brain” presentation offered by SCAN with 58 participants. Center will host a birthday luncheon, \$5 charge, on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The center is still offering Zumba with 38 participants and began offering T’AI CHI on Tuesdays, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m..

Wilson Center will offer “Maintaining Your Brain” by SCAN on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Tax preparations are offered for free on Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The center is offering computer classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays. The center will begin offering computer classes in Spanish on Tuesdays & Thursdays at end of March. Center will host a long term care awareness seminar on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Salad Bar at lunch is offered once per month (Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>) with a \$5.00 donation. Commissioner Fischer inquired on the possibility of receiving produce from Food Share and was informed of the need for the forth sink (Vegetable wash) in the kitchen by Mr. Arias.

May is Older American month and the three centers will host a “Talent Show” at the South Oxnard Center on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Colonia Center will host a menudo fundraiser on May 10<sup>th</sup>. RSVP will receive a mini grant for \$2,500.00 to provide free diabetes screening for Seniors 65+ through Medicare.

Develop 2012 calendar for Senior Services Commission grantee presentation was moved to next meeting.

Mr. Arias discussed the funding cuts to Senior Nutrition Program by the government and reported the city will off set costs for this year.

Mr. Arias reported on the distribution of Commission minutes.

## **H. OLD BUSINESS**

Discussed the use of advisory councils at each center and Commissioner Kobashigawa requesting the list of membership at each center. Vice Chair Esparza explained the role of SOC's council. Chair Rowe and Commissioner Kobashigawa are on Wilson Center council, but have concerns regarding: meetings, elections and do all centers follow the same procedures.

Commission reviewed progress of 2011-12 goals. Commissioner Davis expressed concern regarding the development of Senior Master Plan. Chair Rowe has information from the Thousand Oaks Senior (Gobbel).

Senior web site – Chair Rowe explained the VCAA (Ventura County Area Agency on Aging) web site and Mr. Arias mentioned the link via [www.oxnardrec.org/senior](http://www.oxnardrec.org/senior) services to VCAA site.

Commission folded the 2011 into 2012 goal.

2011-12 Goals -

Commissioner Davis expressed concern with the use of consultants in \$100,000 allotted to Wilson Senior Center renovation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Peggy Rivera, Commissioner, with Commission on Homeless commented on issue with city funding and the need to look at State of Art new building vs. Renovation of current building.

Commissioners Davis and Thibeault reported on their findings – they spoke to one councilmen who agreed on the idea of an alter site;

1. F/Doris, vacant lot, south of the Sycamore senior housing location.
2. The old Todey Chevrolet empty site.

Commissioner Thibeault re-stated City Managers task to find a site for a senior center and will not do work for city staff. Chair Rowe should move forward with recommendation.

Vans, Commissioners Fischer/Sweatland reported on their progress. Crown Dodge looks promising along with Oxnard Auto Center. Mr. Arias will follow-up with city maintenance department for policy and specifications.

Computers, SOC internet established and in need of computers. Wilson has (4) computers and could use more. Colonia has no current storage space for computer set-up.

Mrs. Rivera offered possible donation from St. Vincent de Paul and Commissioner Fischer offered HAAS Automation as a possible donor.

The Wilson garden site – need to remove shuffleboard court is still in limbo due to issue of funding. Commission is requesting the attendance of Michael Henderson or Lori rice at next commission meeting to report on issue.

Chair Rowe reported current community garden is 50% occupied and Dr. Lopez will open a second garden site.

Mr. Arias reported Mrs. Burnham, Interim City Manager will try to schedule attending a commission meeting.

#### **I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSIESS**

Chair Rowe re-stated VCAA one-stop service for senior information via website and links to services.

Chair Rowe mentioned the accomplishments of Commission.

Commissioner Davis feels commission should offer suggestions to city council members and expressed his feeling regarding the lack of progress in resolving senior issues over the last three years. Commissioner Davis suggested commissioner using the public comment time at city council meetings to offer suggestions.

#### **J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Organize team to visit City Council

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Fischer.  
Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.