

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 12, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jacobs at 9:08 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners present            D. Thibeault, J. Jacobs, N. Kobashigawa, R. Fischer, , P. Davis and L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent:            N. Rowe (excused)

Staff present:                    Efren Gorre, Community Services Manager  
Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney  
Gregory Barnes, Recreation Coordinator  
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director  
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager

The minutes from the September 21, 2010 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Chairperson Jacobs asked that Efren Gorre's title be corrected/changed to Community Services Manager and that the minutes approved reflect the correct meeting date of July 13, 2010. All voted in favor of the changes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Thibeault spoke about Measure O money and the oversight committee meeting that he attended. He was disappointed there was no money given to any senior programs besides a new floor at the South Oxnard Center. He also said he has surveyed seniors in Oxnard and they want Senior Services to become its own department and a new state of the art senior center to be built. He informed the commission that he would be attending that night's city council meeting to express his concerns during public comments.

Following Dr. Thibeault's comments, Chairperson Jacobs asked that this topic be added to the next commission meeting agenda.

D. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation scheduled.  
Chairperson Jacobs asked that the St. John's Wellness Program be added to next month's agenda under presentation.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Greg Barnes gave an update on Senior Services programs and activities which included: the Wii Bowling tournament at the Pleasant Valley Recreation & Parks District Senior Center, Wilson Senior Center Costume Party on October 29, 1:30p.m.-3:30p.m., and the Holiday Party schedule for the centers: Wilson December 10, Colonia December 17 and SOC TBA. Greg and Marisue also reminded the commissioners of the upcoming "Our Golden Springs" event at PAL for the Colonia Senior Center on Saturday, October 16. Commissioner Fischer reminded the commission that at 10:15a.m. at SOC there would be a showing of the film "Oxnard 1961".

F. OLD BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake excused herself from the meeting at 9:29a.m due to the discussion of Senior Services Grants.

Senior Services Commissioners continued their discussion of the 2010-2011 grant applications that were received during the month of August, 2010. Fourteen applications were submitted for funding, with requests totaling \$92,670.00. A total of \$50,000 has been budgeted in the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget to be distributed amongst agencies providing services to local seniors. After lengthy discussion the following thirteen agencies were recommended to receive the amounts listed:

<u>Program Title</u>	<u>Amount of Funding Recommended</u>
Alzheimer Assoc.	\$ 3,000
Area Agency on Aging	\$ 5,000
Camarillo Hospice	\$ 5,000
Caregivers Volunteers Assisting the Elderly	\$ 5,000
Catholic Charities/OASIS	\$ 3,000
Food Share	\$10,000
Gold Coast Caregivers	\$ 2,000
Grey Law	\$ 4,000
Long Term Care Services of VC, Inc.	\$ 4,000
Oxnard Senior Garden Club	\$ 1,000
RSVP (Bone Builders)	\$ 2,000
Shop Ahoy (Elderpride)	\$ 2,000
St. John's Regional Medical Ctr.	\$ 4,000

A motion was made and seconded to accept the above recommendations. All voted in favor.

Staff will prepare an agenda item for City Council's approval of the above recommendations.

The commission continued their discussion concerning the Senior Vegetable Garden. Commissioner Kobashigawa will write a letter to the fire chief and bring it to the next meeting. Staff was asked to talk to parks about the status of starting a new garden at the Wilson Park. The commission also asked staff to give an update on the Senior Vegetable Garden on Pleasant Valley Road. Commissioner Davis asked that a discussion about forming a senior garden committee be added to next month's agenda.

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G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

There was no report given.

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H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.