

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2012

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

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: A. Esparza, R. Fischer, D. Ford, N. Kobashigawa,
N. Rowe, A. Sweetland, D. Thibeault, L. Villareal
Yu

Commissioners absent: P. Davis

Staff Present: S. Fischer, City Attorney
G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
C. Gambala, Office Manager

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sweetland moved to approve minutes of the July meeting; Commissioner Fischer seconded. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None

E. PRESENTATIONS

Tony Miller, president of Shop Ahoy, made a presentation regarding the organization's grocery shopping services for the homebound.

Commissioner Esparza reported on her visit to Grey Law.

The Commission heard a presentation from Victoria Jump, director of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, on the many services provided to county seniors.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes announced he is the Interim Senior Services Supervisor.

Barnes reported that he is working with other City departments to put a defibrillator in all three senior centers as part of a pilot program.

Commissioners were updated on the sign-in process at Wilson Senior Center, where volunteers are being recruited to greet visitors at the front desk and ask them to sign in.

Work continues on purchasing a Senior Services van. It will hold 15 passengers.

A task order has been issued for finalization and distribution of the senior services survey. Commissioners requested a special meeting with the consultant working on the survey, Lauterbach & Associates.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Senior Services will hold a Luau for all seniors and their families on Friday, August 24 at the Oxnard Beach Park. Ticket sales have been brisk. Shuttle rides will be available from the senior centers.

After discussion, Commissioners Thibeault and Villareal Yu and Chairperson Rowe were selected to serve on a subcommittee to review the Commission's bylaws and recommend changes.

Barnes told Commissioners the annual Senior Services grant funds application had been sent to past grantees and notices of the fund availability posted. Applications are due August 31.

After discussing the possibility of moving their monthly meetings to the City Council chambers where other council-appointed commissions meet, Commissioner Thibeault moved and Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded to move the meetings there. Motion passed. Barnes will follow-up and report back at a future meeting.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe did not make a report on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging's advisory council meeting.

Regarding the Wilson Park garden, Barnes reported 10 garden boxes are in place and the soil to fill them is on order. Garden subcommittee members Chair Rowe and Commissioner Kobashigawa will meet to develop garden bylaws.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items to be discussed at a future meeting included an update on obtaining computers for the senior centers. Commissioner Ford requested a report from City staff on why water and sewer costs are increasing.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thibeault, and seconded by Commissioner Fischer. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.