

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 8, 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, D. Ford and A. Sweetland

Commissioner Absent:

Staff Present: Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney
Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director
Greg Barnes, Recreation Coordinator

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No approval of minutes from March and April which need corrections.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bert Perello informed the commission of his candidacy for city council and asked why meeting announcement not posted at Senior Center. Mr. Perello informed the commission on issues to be discussed at City council: Measure O spending and \$300 management retiree benefit. Question why Senior Commission not televised and was the Wilson kitchen sink issue an effluence problem. Also, he asked the Commission to attend the Park & Recreation Commission. Mr. Perello also asked the commission to inquire and ask questions regarding: District Attorney Report, Default of Redevelopment, City Manager status and refund money from Big League Dreams.

E. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

None

F. PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Ford reported on his visit with Catholic Charities and their OASIS (Old Adult Service Intervention System) Program. The program is county-wide, based out of Ventura. OASIS provides social work/case management – provides life line equipment. Ventura Center also assists youth, homeless, veterans, operates shelters, provides showers, and transitional housing. The Oxnard Center offers a food pantry, brown bag program, lunches for homeless and referral service to its Ventura Center. Oxnard Center does not provide shower service.

Commissioner Davis asked if immigration services available and was informed at the Catholic Charities, 301 South “C” Street office, service available for people in need of getting their legal status in order.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Greg Barnes re-introduced and reported on Senior Services programming and activities –

Colonia Center is having a Mother’s Day Menudo breakfast on May 10th. The Center also hosting on Wednesdays a health education classes, “Controlling your Health” from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, brown bag every Tuesday, from 8:00 am – 11:30 am, free blood pressure and blood glucose screening every 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:00 am – 11:00 am, hosting Senior Legends Games: Wii Bowling tournament on May 22nd at 10:00 am, Dominoes tournament on May 25th at 10:00 am. The next Advisory Council Meeting will be June 8th at 10:30 am. Hosting a senior luncheon from Rusty’s Pizza (\$6.00) on May 25th.

South Oxnard Center is helping Food SHARE by sponsoring a collection container throughout the month of May. Carlos Martinez, Ventura County District Attorney Office, Victim’s Advocate, will host a presentation to Senior’s on how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam. Hosting a monthly celebration, luncheon and dance, on May 15th, from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. Center will host the “Festival of Talent” on May 18th. Host a senior luncheon from Rusty’s Pizza (\$6.00) on May 25th.

Wilson Center began offering Italian class on May 8th. The center will host a HICAP Medicare Community Education Presentation on May 10th. Senior Legends Games from May 9-18, “Festival of Talent” followed by the lunch and dance on May 18th, at South Oxnard Center. Advisory Council Meeting will be on May 24, at 9:00 am.

Senior Services –

Wilson Senior Center will host a “Dinner Theatre” (lunch and show) on September 29th and a possible excursion to Las Vegas in November. Rose Garden at Wilson will be opening soon, three day per week and we’re working with Officer David Walker, OPD to make this happen due to concern with entrance location.

Senior Services is meeting with Sycamore Living on Wednesday, May 9th, at 3:00 pm, to discuss how we can partner and offer programming to their seniors (IE. prom, sock hop). Commissioner Davis mention Sycamore Living is hosting a holiday event on July 4, and Senior Service should use vans to transport senior from all three centers to this event.

Commissioner Kobashigawa reminded commissioners of Oxnard Police sponsorship of Senior Prom. Greg Barnes will follow-up with Claudia Valencia, Senior Director, who had further information.

Senior vegetable garden at Wilson is the next step by using gardening boxes in the shuffle board area.

Center Directors are requesting a donated gift basket to the raffle for the “Festival of Talent” show and how many commissioners are planning on attending.

Senior Nutrition Program (SNP) has a gap in funding and the need to help identifying possible vendors, funding opportunities, and or sponsors.

Commissioner Davis reported on alternative sites for senior programming, as the lone member of sub-committee, and with other resources found the following:

1. Campus Park (old Oxnard High School) currently allocated for sports and the city plan and alternate plan are cluttered. Issue with airport fly zone, botanical garden group wants use. Commissioner Davis presented a plan that would use area of old pool to include a botanical garden, atrium, and indoor swimming pool.
2. Oxnard Performing Arts Center (PAC)
Some runs are currently available, we own the property, and centrally located. PAC has two ballrooms, one with partitions, and kitchen. Circle of opportunity – Move to PAC, tear down Wilson and develop into city park.

Bert Perello stated Commissioner Davis should present plan to INCF.

Richard Arias reported on senior involvement with the Dallas Cowboys summer camp in Oxnard. RSVP will be recruiting volunteers for training camp, which will begin on July 30th and end on August 17th.

Reviewed each 2012 Senior Service Goal goals and discussed and spent time during the meeting on the following:

#3 city wide survey – and how to disseminate surveys to the public.

#11 Converting shuffleboard courts into garden and the actual progress was discussed earlier.

#15 Make Oxnard a “Senior Friendly City” and information of specific business progress with senior customer service.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes reported earlier on progress of developing a senior garden at Wilson.

Greg Bares reported earlier on activities of advisory councils at each center.

Greg Barnes reported earlier on events planned by Senior Services in May.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSIESS

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

Commissioner Davis led a discussion regarding the issue of communication via cell phones in the event of a national emergency

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Davis request representatives to discuss care program for water/gas

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Thibeault. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.