

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2011

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:05 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present P. Davis, A. Esparza, R. Fischer, N. Kobashigawa, N. Rowe, D. Thibeault and L. Villareal Yu

Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Julie Doi, Assistant City Attorney
Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director
Fernando Garcia, Wilson Center Director
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Thibeault moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2011. Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded. Motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. PRESENTATION

Sandy Nirenberg, Executive Director of Camarillo Hospice, gave a presentation of services provided by that agency.

The presentation by Commissioner Fischer regarding FOOD Share was continued to the September meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director, gave an update on the latest Senior Services programs, including:

1. Rummage Sale on Saturday, August 13
2. Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 26
3. Excursion flyers were distributed
4. Italian classes started again at Wilson. There is one spot open in the two classes being offered.
5. The RSVP Bone Builders master trainer will be in Oxnard in October.

Chad Carroll, fire inspector with the Oxnard Fire Department, gave an overview of fire services within the City. Richard Arias reviewed safety procedures and policies within the Recreation and Community Services Department. He suggested commissioners contact Wilson Center Director Fernando Garcia and accompany him during required monthly safety inspections. Arias also discussed REACT, a new city system designed to monitor who is in a building for disaster and evacuation purposes. New sign-in sheets will be introduced at all senior centers.

Arias next reviewed the Senior Services Supervisor hiring process. Chair Rowe requested one to two commissioners be part of the interview panel. Commissioner Thibeault noted that no representative of senior services would be sitting on the internal panel and further requested Commission involvement at this point. Commissioner Davis said inclusion of commissioners would provide transparency to the process. Commissioner Thibeault made a motion to petition Human Resources for Commission inclusion in the internal selection process. Commissioner Davis seconded and the motion carried.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Thibeault distributed the final draft of the senior survey instrument.

Chair Rowe suggested holding a special meeting to discuss preparing for a report to the City Council. Julie Doi, Assistant City Attorney, recommended setting up a subcommittee. Chair Rowe and commissioners Thibeault and Davis agreed to form the subcommittee.

Commissioner Thibeault left due to another commitment at this time.

Richard Arias reported on the location of all public gardens within Oxnard. Commissioner Kobashigawa noted none were senior-only and the Rose Garden at Wilson is inaccessible to the public because it is locked. Chair

Rowe volunteered to write a letter seeking to convert the shuffle board courts at Wilson Park into a garden and commissioners agreed.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe gave a report from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging regarding the expected closure of adult day health care centers in December and significant impact on remaining senior resources, including senior centers. Many have high maintenance issues: 50 percent need to be hand fed.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Davis requested discussion on sending every city council member a copy of the commission agenda and minutes.

Chair Rowe said she would write a letter regarding the need for a senior garden for commissioners to discuss at the next meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair Fischer, second by Commissioner Esparza to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.