

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2012

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rowe at 9:04 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney
Richard Arias, Recreation Supervisor
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager
Claudia Valencia, Colonia Director

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2012 was tabled due to some corrections.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. CEREMONIAL

Claudia Valencia, Colonia Senior Center Director, was there to recognize her volunteers and give them a certificate for the hard work and help that they do at the Colonia Senior Center; they were Rachael Santagoa, Ingancio Caromona, Ortencia Castillo and Maria Fernandez.

E. PRESENTATION

Sister Suzanne Soppe, Community Health Education Department, St. John's Regional Medical Center, was here to speak about the Wellness program offered to the Community of Oxnard, and how it helps with monitoring blood sugar, blood pressure and explained the walking program.

Commissioner Sweetland, spoke on Long Term Care Ombudsman program and how they visit the frail in facilities. Volunteers are needed, and if anyone is interested in volunteering they would really appreciate it you would have to be trained and do some training.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Richard Arias, spoke on the senior centers upcoming events, SOC luncheon, Earth day, the upcoming Rummage sale, talent show, and Wilson will be getting 3 more computers. Asked if any of the commission would be willing to get raffle items for the talent show or donate prizes for Wilson's bingo day. And in May, Wilson will be starting an Italian class.

Discussed the garden at Blackstock Jr. High school, which has above garden boxes, which would be donated, would be 4ft by 4ft and 30 inches high. They would be put on top of the concrete. Suggested organizing a sub committee together to take care of the material and supplies. The committee will include Nancy Rowe, Nancy Kobashiwaga, Deshay Ford and Lourdes Yu

Richard Arias mentioned that Older American month is in May.

Richard also, talked about the Senior Legend games, and everything is free, they will have a meeting on Thursday, but will have pool tournaments, table tennis, Badminton and board games.

Also, spoke on the RSVP Luncheon, and gave a very special thank you to City Corps and to PAL for all their hard work. 250 meals were served, entertainment was great, and the seniors enjoyed the event.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Davis spoke on challenging the consultant fee for a major contractor that had done a bid with the City of Oxnard already. He mentioned that Sycamore Senior Village may build a new building next door as a new site for seniors.

A new goal was added to Senior Services goals for 2011-2012 which is to add dividers at the Wilson Center to cut down on noise.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners my request that items be placed on future agendas for extended discussion.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Thibeault and seconded was by Commissioner Fischer to adjourn. Motion passed, meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.