

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2012

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:07 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: S. Fischer, City Attorney
G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sweetland moved, Commissioner Fischer seconded to approve minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Sweetland moved, Commissioner Thibeault seconded to approve minutes of the August 30, 2012 special meeting. Chair Rowe requested the Commission's August minutes include the conference report of that same meeting issued by Lauterbach and Associates. Both motions passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nash informed Commissioners of changes to the City website, which now includes an acknowledgement of those serving as appointees of the City Council.

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

Chair Rowe introduced Judy Suzuki, who teaches art at the South Oxnard Center. She and several of her students spoke about their artwork which won awards at the 2012 Ventura County Fair.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Greg Barnes provided an update on placing defibrillators in the senior centers, including concern from City Risk Management about untrained people having access to the machines. Commissioner Fischer and Chair Rowe spoke in opposition to installing the defibrillators and Commissioner Kobashigawa was in favor of their addition. No action was taken.

Commissioners will discuss the 2013 master calendar at their November meeting.

2012 grant applications were reviewed. After discussion, Commission Fischer moved and Commissioner Davis seconded submitting the following amounts to the City Council for final approval. The motion passed.

Camarillo Hospice	\$5,000
CAREGIVERS: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly	\$5,000
Catholic Charities/OASIS	\$3,000
Congress of California Seniors Educatin & Research Fund	\$1,600
FOOD Share	\$8,000
Grey Law of Ventura County, Inc.	\$2,000
Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association	\$2,000
Long Term Care/Services of Ventura Ombudsman	\$6,000
Oxnard Senior Garden	\$500
Shop Ahoy	\$1,500
St. John's Regional Medical Center Community Health Education Dept	\$4,000
Ventura County Area Agency on Aging	\$6,000

F. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Rowe suggested canceling the Commission's December meeting would give time to work in committees and prepare for the coming year, including work on an annual report to the City Council. Commissioner Sweetland moved to cancel the December meeting and Commissioner Fischer seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioners reviewed ways they can participate to inform the public about the importance and purpose of the Senior Services Survey.

Commissioners were encouraged to fill out and return the commission application to the City Clerk if they are interested in continuing on the panel.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe gave a report from the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, including that 450,000 pounds of tomatoes had been raised through the Senior Nutrition Garden. There is a bill being considered by the California Legislature regarding dental insurance for seniors.

There was no report from the By-Law Review Subcommittee.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Sweetland inquired whether senior-friendly equipment was being added to the new computers being placed at the three senior centers.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thibeault, and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.