

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2012

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 9:08 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent: N. Kobashigawa

Staff Present: J. Doi, City Attorney
D. Martinez, City Clerk
R. Arias, Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
C. Gambala, Office Manager

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk, swore-in Alice Sweetland, newest commissioner. The City Clerk and Senior Services have not been able to contact Deshay Ford, another newly appointed commissioner. City Clerk will follow-up in reaching Mr. Ford.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

C. PRESENTATION

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

Update on Senior Services programs and activities.

Marisue Eastlake reported on Senior Services activity including an Elder Abuse seminar and Valentine Day Party planned for Colonia Senior Center. RSVP Bone Builders debuted a class at Camarillo Springs with a donation from SCAN. The RSVP grant calls for (2) two classes in Ventura and (3) three in Camarillo. RSVP Bone Builders is currently hosting 26 classes held twice per week.

Commissioner Sweetland spoke of Ventura County Superintendent of Schools support of RSVP Bone Builders.

Develop 2012 Commission Master Calendar.

Commissioners discussed the need to invite Center Directors to upcoming meetings and will schedule Commission meetings at both Colonia and South Oxnard Center in 2012. Commission will continue to schedule grantee presentations during the year as part of commission business.

Draft of 2012 Master Calendar was reviewed and Commissioner Fischer moved to accept with Commissioner Davis seconding the motion.

City Attorney Doi explained the problem with the current Commission Agenda, which was posted erroneously. The agenda left out approval of minutes and election of new commission chairman. All will be corrected for next meeting.

Develop new subcommittees regarding donation of a Senior Services van and potential sites for new senior center.

Commissioners Fischer and Sweetland agreed to serve on a subcommittee involved with securing a van. Commissioners discussed at length the issue of who/how would utilize the van. Commissioners Davis and Thibeault volunteered to serve on a site subcommittee.

Select a second Commissioner to serve on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

Chair Rowe expressed the need for a second Commissioner to attend the Advisory Council monthly meetings. As the largest city in the county, Oxnard needs more representation. Commissioner Sweetland nominated Commissioner Esparza to serve; Commissioner Rowe seconded. Motion passed.

Discuss use of advisory councils at each center.

Chair Rowe spoke regarding the Wilson Senior Center Advisory Council. Commissioner Fischer inquired if there is a need. Commissioner Esparza explained the positive aspect of having a council via her experience at South Oxnard Center, including using an advisory council to get opinions and input from senior participants. Colonia Center has an active advisory council. Further discussion was tabled until the return of Commissioner Kobashigawa.

Report on City response to cuts by the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging to the Senior Nutrition Program.

R. Arias reported on an 11 percent meal reduction by VCAAA to the Senior Nutrition Program. R. Arias reported the City of Oxnard plans to pick up any overage, but staff will also work to eliminate waste.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Discuss placement of defibrillators at each senior center.

R. Arias explained the current policy of not placing defibrillators in city buildings. Commissioner Davis took issue with the City policy which does not allow defibrillators in city facilities and desires further discussion. Chair Rowe requested that when a new fire chief is hired that he or she attend a Commission meeting to discuss the situation.

F. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe reported that Ventura County Area Agency on Aging was dark in December.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Advisory Councils at each senior center
- Grantee presentations and Commission visits to grantees
- Election of officers
- Review of recommendation to renovate the Wilson Senior Center
- Review request for Measure "O" bids
- Agendize Commissioner reports (City Attorney request prior notification/specific topic)
- Demolition of the shuffle board courts
- Review of progress on 2012 goals

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Thibeault and seconded by Commissioner Davis. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.