

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION  
Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2011

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson 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:            none

Staff present:                      Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney  
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2011 meeting was moved by Vice Chair Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Thibeault, and unanimously approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. PRESENTATION

Brad Berens, executive director of Caregivers: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly, gave a presentation on the nonprofit's services and their role in helping seniors maintain their independence longer.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Eastlake gave an update on a request for Measure O money for seniors and the newest Senior Services programs, including new Italian classes at the Wilson Center and the move of SOC exercises to the Wilson Center while the first's floor is being renovated. Commissioners were invited to the Mother's Day event held on the same day as their next meeting, May 10, at the Wilson Center.

Commissioners chose FY2010-11 grantees to visit and designated others who they would request attend a commission meeting. The following is how the grantees were divided:

Alzheimer's Association, RSVP Bone Builders, Catholic Charities/OASIS, Grey Law and Camarillo Hospice will be asked to attend a meeting. The Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Long Term Care Services of Ventura County and Caregivers: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly have already made presentations.

Remaining grantees will be visited by Commissioners and reported on as follows:

Gold Coast Caregivers – Commissioner Davis – May 2011

Oxnard Senior Garden Club – Commissioner Esparza – June 2011

St. John's Regional Medical Center – Commissioner Kobashigawa (walking program) – July 2011

FOOD Share – Vice Chair Fischer (warehouse), Commissioner Villareal Yu (Brown Bag) – August 2011

Shop Ahoy – Chair Rowe – September 2011

Chair Rowe reviewed the role of representatives to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council and asked for nominations. Two spots are available. Vice Chair Fischer nominated Chair Rowe and Commissioner Davis seconded. The appointment was unanimously approved. No other nominations were made.

#### F. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Rowe opened discussion of developing a needs survey for Oxnard seniors. A sample from Burbank was distributed. A subcommittee of Commissioners Thibeault and Kobashigawa was formed to develop a survey for other commissioners to review at the next meeting. It was agreed they would ask senior center directors for input.

Commissioner Thibeault reported he had not spoken with Assistant City Manager Karen Burnham since the last meeting. He suggested the Commission work together to compile a report to be presented to the City Council.

#### G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe reported from the AAA Advisory Council, saying there was not yet a budget from the state. The Senior Nutrition Program has seen a large uptick countywide in the number of participants. She attended a public hearing on AAA's strategic plan.

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners requested a future agenda item regarding creating a report on their goals to be presented to the City Council.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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