

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 8, 2011

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Rowe at 9:03 a.m.

A. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

City Clerk Daniel Martinez attended and gave all Commissioners the oath of office.

At this time the meeting was moved from the Arts & Crafts Room in the Wilson Senior Center to the center's Library due to a malfunctioning heater. A note was placed on the Arts & Crafts Room door to inform any members of the public of the meeting relocation.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney
Marisue Eastlake, RSVP Director
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Fischer placed the name of Vice Chair Rowe as candidate for Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Esparza. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved, Commissioner Yu seconded the nomination of Commissioner Thibeault as Chairperson. Commissioner Thibeault asked for a roll call vote. Commissioners Davis, Esparza, Fisher, and Rowe voted for Vice Chair Rowe. Commissioners Kobashigawa, Yu and Thibeault voted for Commissioner Thibeault.

Following the vote, Commissioner Thibeault left the meeting.

Commissioner Kobashigawa moved, Commissioner Yu seconded nomination of Commissioner Thibeault as Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Esparza moved, Chair Rowe seconded nomination of Commissioner Fischer for Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Fischer was elected with four votes.

Commissioners greeted their newest member, Commissioner Esparza, welcoming her to the panel.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2011 meeting was moved by Commissioner Fischer, seconded by Commissioner Davis, and unanimously approved.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

F. PRESENTATION

No presentation was scheduled

G. NEW BUSINESS

The 2011 meeting schedule was discussed. Commissioner Fischer moved, Commissioner Kobashigawa seconded to eliminate dark months and instead meet monthly. Motion was approved.

Commissioners discussed keeping meetings at the Wilson Senior Center rather than moving to the other two senior centers. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved, Commissioner Fischer seconded to accept calendar with all meetings at Wilson Senior Center. Motion was approved.

Eastlake gave a brief review of upcoming events within the three senior centers, including a recent Chumash excursion organized by the Colonia Senior Center, the upcoming showing of "Oxnard 1961" and the start of free tax assistance at the Wilson Senior Center and an Open House at the South Oxnard Center. They were invited to the March 25 Talent Show at SOC.

Commissioners reviewed the Commission's bylaws. Commissioner Kobashigawa questioned why the bylaws call for terms to begin in January when commissioners sometimes are not seated start until later. She moved, with Commissioner Yu second to amend Article III, Item C of the bylaws to state that terms will begin after appointment by the city council. Motion failed. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved, with Commissioner Yu second to amend Article IV, Item B to say the annual meeting shall be scheduled after approval of commissioners by the city council. Motion failed.

Chair Rowe introduced the results of a senior survey conducted in Thousand Oaks. After some discussion, commissioners agreed to hold a study session on February 22, 2011 to review the findings and determine the process to do something similar in Oxnard.

Commissioner Davis suggested forming a subcommittee to investigate the senior residential development being considered for the Wagon Wheel area. Commissioner Kobashigawa moved, Commissioner Fischer seconded to have Commissioner Davis ask the developer to attend a future meeting or provide a presentation. Motion passed.

Commissioners were provided with and discussed the Recreation Department and Senior Services budgets. Discussed splitting Senior Services off from Recreation and Community Services.

H. OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing reported on the expansion of the senior vegetable garden. Chair Rowe reviewed the goals discussed at the last meeting.

I. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

Chair Rowe reported that she and Eastlake attended a Senior Center Forum hosted by the Area Agency on Aging. She stated many centers are experiencing similar problems as Oxnard's three centers and that proposed state budget cuts are a big concern and may send more people into senior centers with inadequate funding.

J. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners did not ask for any items to be included on future agendas.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Fischer to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.