

SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

Minutes

Regular Meeting

July 13, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jacobs at 9:02 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Commissioners absent:

Staff present: Jocelyn Peterson, Senior Services Supervisor
Jaci Gutierrez, Acting Senior Services Coordinator
Caroline Gambala, Office Manager
Julie Doi, Deputy City Attorney

The minutes from the June 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

D. PRESENTATION

Susan Murphy from the Alzheimer's Association made a brief presentation about their organization and the services they offer. There are currently 5.3 million people nationally and 12,000 locally (Ventura County) with Alzheimer's disease and it is on the rise. Number will double over the next 12-20 years. The Alzheimer's Association offers education courses and respite to caregivers in English and Spanish. They are currently offering the 2nd presentation of a four part series, "Normal Memory Loss & Alzheimer's. They serve about 400 Oxnard residents.

Commissioner Fischer reported on his visit to a Bone Builders class. He spoke about the exercises and the social environment of the class.

E. NEW BUSINESS

The upcoming grant application process was discussed. Applications were due on August 31. Received applications will be mailed out to Commissioners prior to September meeting. Commissioners will discuss and make recommendations to the City Council for award of the grant funds at that meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS

The Commissioners agreed to cancel the August meeting. Next meeting will be September 21, 2010.

Jaci Gutierrez spoke about the Star Spangled III event at the Wilson Senior Center. There were tap dancers, hulu dancers and singers. Proceeds from the event (\$200.00) were donated to the State Veterans Home. Penny, the event coordinator, received a thank you letter.

Upcoming and new programs: Computer classes at Wilson, Belly dancing at SOC (South Oxnard Center Program), Flea market fundraiser.

There was a discussion on expanding the Senior Vegetable garden program by acquiring additional land. Discussion included using the shuffle board area, rose garden at Wilson and contacting the Fire Department and Housing Authority about available space.

G. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION BUSINESS

No report on VCAAA Advisory Council Meeting. Meeting was scheduled for the following day. Commissioner Rowe will provide an update at the September meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.