DATE: May 25, 2015

TO: City Council

FROM: Terrel Harrison, Interim Recreation Superintendent
       Recreation & Community Services

SUBJECT: Appointment of two representatives to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the recommendation from the Senior Services Commission and appoint Alice Sweetland and Kay Brainard to the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.

DISCUSSION

The Advisory Council of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging (VCAAA) is a community-based body of advocates for persons aged 60 and over. Members represent the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, local cities and service providers.

The objective of the Advisory Council is to involve the community in creating and sustaining programs which impact senior living and family caregivers. To achieve this goal members participate in outreach, grantee site visits, task force groups and issues of County concern.

At the April 14, 2015, Senior Services Commission meeting, the Commission voted to recommend Chair Alice Sweetland and Vice Chair Kay Brainard to represent the City of Oxnard for a two year term on the VCAAA’s Advisory Council.

It is a requirement of the VCAAA Advisory Council that the recommendation be ratified by City Council.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

Attachment #1 - Senior Services Commission Meeting Minutes 4/14/2015
Chair Sweetland called the Senior Services Commission meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Absent:  

Staff Present: G. Barnes, Interim Recreation Supervisor
M. Eastlake, RSVP Director
R. Rakestraw, Recreation Coordinator
R. Tilford, Deputy City Attorney

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes were approved without correction. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Thibeault, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: none. ABSTAIN: none.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

D. CEREMONIAL CALENDAR
None

E. PRESENTATION
Rahsaan Tilford reviewed the Brown Act for commissioners. Sandy Nirenberg, Executive Director of the Camarillo Hospice, presented information on the nonprofit's services.

Commissioner Thibeault left the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

F. OLD BUSINESS
Greg Barnes discussed the process of appointing two representatives to serve on the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. Commissioner Owens moved the names of Chair Sweetland and Vice Chair Brainard be forwarded to the Oxnard City Council as the Commission's recommended appointees. Commissioner Madrid seconded. AYES: Brainard, Fischer, Lanker, Madrid, Owens, Sweetland, Yu. NOS: none. ABSENT: Thibeault. ABSTAIN: none.
F. NEW BUSINESS
Commissioners discussed the Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) workshop hosted by the mayor on March 19. There was general discussion about attending other commission and neighborhood council meetings to raise awareness of the Senior Services Commission and senior needs.

Renee Rakestraw and Marisue Eastlake updated commissioners on programs. Rakestraw provided the Senior Legends Games schedule for May 2015, including the May 4 opening ceremony and May 28 closing. Eastlake announced 220 people had attended the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and that the RSVP Bone Builders Buddies program had started.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS / COMMISSION BUSINESS
New Senior Center Subcommittee – Vice Chair Brainard said she had announced the Commission’s interest in a new senior center during the CAG workshop discussed earlier in the meeting.

Publicity Subcommittee – Commissioner Madrid said she would attend a City Council meeting to announce the Senior Legends Games.

Wilson Park & Senior Center Subcommittee – no discussion.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
Chair Sweetland requested a presentation regarding homelessness in Oxnard from Peter Brown. She invited other Commissioners to help with Rose Garden maintenance every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

J. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.