

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
November 24, 2014

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, November 24 at 10:00 am, at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Wanda Buck, Dwight Collins, ArLyne Diamond, Bobbi Estrada, Frank Kadlecek, Sam Orme, Alice Pivacek

Absent: None

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor – Senior Center
Adam Elix, Recreation Supervisor – Senior Center
Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager – Parks and Recreation

Matters for Council Action: None

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Pivacek.
- II. Roll Call – All present.
- III. Approval of October 24 Minutes – On a motion by Commissioner Estrada and seconded by Commissioner Buck, the Minutes of October 24, 2014 were approved.
- IV. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – No changes to the agenda were offered.
- V. Correspondence/Communications –
 - A. Supervisor Herb informed the Commission that Leadership Santa Clara applications were available and encouraged any members that had not participated to consider taking part in the program. Commissioner Diamond shared her experience with the program and said she greatly enjoyed it.
 - B. Supervisor Herb informed the Commission that the Santa Clara Police Department would be collaborating with the Senior Center to offer a Pedestrian Safety Workshop: A focus on older adults, on February 11 from 10:00-11:00am. Supervisor Herb encouraged everyone to attend.
 - C. Supervisor Herb shared that the City of Cupertino Senior Center had a documentary screening and discussion of the film, “Alive Inside.” Supervisor Herb asked if the Commission would be interested in hosting a similar event. The Commission asked Jennifer to look into the possibility.
 - D. Commissioner Collins informed the Commission that he’s extended an invitation to Scott Summerfield from Leadership Santa Clara, to visit the Senior Center.

V. Commissioners' Reports -

A. Commissioner Diamond

1. Suggested that the members of the Commission attend other Senior Advisory Commission meetings as a way to see what other agencies are doing. She recommended that the Commission divide the list between them, and then report back on what they learned.
2. Expressed an interest in better capturing the ideas discussed at each meeting.

B. Commissioner Kadlecek

1. Reported that a number of people are receiving IRS scam phone calls.
2. Informed City Staff of different Fitness Center concerns.
3. Would like to revisit the possibility of extended hours at the Senior Center.
4. Inquired about the Suggestion Box comments and the procedures to respond to patrons.
5. Inquired about the possibility of resurfacing the parking lot.

C. Commissioner Estrada

1. Inquired on how Senior Center staff communicate actions on suggestions from patrons.

D. Commissioner Orme

1. Shared information on the City's branding campaign and inquired about how to get the senior population involved in the process.
2. Discussed the Global Age-Friendly Cities concept as originated by the World Health Organization. An age-friendly city encourages active ageing by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.

E. Commissioner Buck

1. Reminded Commissioners that housing affordability affects all ages, not just senior citizens.
2. Informed Commissioners that she'll be attending the Sunnyvale Senior Advisory Committee meeting.

F. Commissioner Collins

1. Reminded the Commission about inviting Council Member Pat Kolstad to the next Senior Advisory meeting.
2. Inquired about the capacity of the Senior Center and questions whether the minimum age to use the Senior Center is too young.

VII. Staff Reports

A. Supervisor Herb

1. Updated the Commission on the Youth Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. Shared the update on the ISHOF/Community Center project, and informed the Commission that public outreach meetings would begin in January, 2015.
3. Reminded the Commission about the upcoming Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, and encouraged Commissioners to attend.
4. Updated the Commission on the success of the Craft Fair.

- VIII. Old Business: None.
- IX. New Business: None.
- X. Public Presentations:
- XI. Conference and Travel AB 1234: None.
- XII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am. Next regular scheduled meeting is January 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Senior Center Room 232.

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