

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 26, 2015

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, January 26 at 10:00 am, at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St, Santa Clara, California.

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

Absent: Excused - ArLyne Diamond

Guests: Jolene Bradford – VTA
Council Member Pat Kolstad

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor – Senior Center

Matters for Council Action: None

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Pivacek.
- II. Roll Call – Commissioner Diamond, Excused.
- III. Introductions of Guests –
 - A. Jolene Bradford – VTA
 - B. Council Member Pat Kolstad
 1. Commissioners talked with Council Member Kolstad about senior needs in the community. Topics included:
 - a. Parking within the city at different facilities and shopping centers.
 - b. Transportation possibilities for senior citizens.
 - c. Age-Friendly City
 - d. Affordable Housing – allowing for in-law unites
 - e. Definition of a senior
 - f. Discounts available to seniors such as tax breaks, utility discounts, real estate property tax.
 - g. Utility bill increase
 - h. Extended hours at the Senior Center
- IV. Approval of November 24 Minutes – On a motion by Commissioner Buck and seconded by Commissioner Estrada, the Minutes of November 24, 2014 were approved.

- I. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – On a motion made by Commissioner Kadlecek and seconded by Commissioner Buck, Age-Friendly agenda item was added to New Business.

- V. Correspondence/Communications – None

- VI. Commissioners' Reports -
 - A. Commissioner Kadlecek
 1. Inquired about the possibility of an orientation video for Fitness Center Volunteers.
 2. Reported that the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony was a great event.
 3. Informed the Commission that tax services at the Senior Center will begin February 3.
 4. Reported that tax season is a time for email scams which target the senior population. Commissioner Kadlecek provided a handout with helpful tips on how to avoid being a victim.
 5. Inquired about adding a brief article in the monthly newsletter about the Suggestion Box.
 - B. Commissioner Estrada
 1. Informed the Commission that she would be attending the Mountain View Senior Advisory meeting, as well as the City of Campbell Senior Advisory meeting before the next commission meeting in February.
 - C. Commissioner Orme
 1. Inquired about Senior Services provided by other departments.
 2. Commented on the qualifying age of seniors, and if the minimum is raised, who would be affected by the cut services.
 - D. Commissioner Buck
 1. Commented on email scams that target seniors
 2. Commented that she's worried about the stress that will be placed on services if the age defining a senior is so young (50) at the Senior Center. Raising the age of seniors would decrease the stress on services.
 3. Informed Commissioners that she'll be attending the Sunnyvale Senior Advisory Committee meeting, before the next commission meeting in February.
 - E. Commissioner Collins
 1. Inquired about the possibility of using a different disinfecting technique in the Fitness Center.

- VII. Staff Reports
 - A. Supervisor Herb
 1. Updated the Commission on the Community meeting held at the Senior Center to discuss parking concerns.
 2. Informed the Commission about the upcoming year and the Parks and Recreation Department's involvement with the Super Community Events.

Supervisor Herb asked that commissioners save the date for the Tree Lighting event in December.

3. Addressed the possibility of extended hours at the Senior Center.

VIII. Old Business: None.

IX. New Business

- A. ADA Committee meeting, March 12 at 10:00am in Council Chambers – Supervisor Herb informed the group that Council Member Davis has requested one or two commissioners take part in the meetings. Commissioner Collins will be attending.
- B. Pedestrian Safety Workshop: A focus on Older Adult, February 11 at 10:00am – Supervisor Herb reported that a workshop will be held at the Senior Center, in partnership the Santa Clara Police Department to discuss pedestrian safety regarding the senior population.
- C. Showtime, March 6-8 – Supervisor Herb encouraged Commissioners to buy a ticket to the upcoming shows, to help support the Health and Wellness program.
- D. Suggestion Box – Supervisor Herb reported that there were no comments in the suggestion box which needed addressing by the Commission.
- E. Age Friendly City – Commission Orme mentioned 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. Commission Orme would like to continue to look into requirements and how Santa Clara aligns with the requirements. Commission Buck agreed to assist Orme with the research.

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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