

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES  
February 23, 2015

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 23 at 10:00 am, at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St, Santa Clara, California.

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

Absent: None

Guests: Tom Freitas – community member

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor – Senior Center  
Patricia Lord, Recreation Manager

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Matters for Council Action: None

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- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Chair Pivacek.
- II. Roll Call – All present.
- III. Introductions of Guests –
  - A. Tom Freitas – Community member
- IV. Approval of January 26 Minutes – On a motion by Commissioner Estrada and seconded by Commissioner Collins, the Minutes of January 26 were amended. On a motion by Commissioner Estrada and seconded by Commissioner Buck, the amended Minutes of January 26 were approved.
  - I. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – On a motion made by Commissioner Buck and seconded by Commissioner Estrada.
- V. Correspondence/Communications – None
- VI. Summary of City Council Actions – Recreation Manager Patricia Lord informed the Commission that there was a second reading of the Park Impact Fee.
- VII. Commissioners’ Reports -
  - A. Commissioner Kadlecek
    1. Encouraged the Commission to attend the Goal Setting meeting on February 23.

2. Reported that the cities of Portland and Austin are using mini house for homeless people.
  3. Informed the Commission that tax services are going well. Commissioner Collins asked what the average income was of those that have utilized the service, and how many have been served. Commission Buck mentioned tax scams.
- B. Commissioner Estrada
1. Informed the Commission that she was not able to attend the Mountain View Senior Advisory meeting, but would try and attend the next one.
  2. Reported to the Commission facts about the Mountain View Senior Center and Senior Advisory Commission based on website research.
  3. Reported that the City of Campbell does not have a Senior Advisory Commission.
  4. Reported to the Commission, facts about the Campbell Senior Center based on website research.
- C. Commissioner Orme
1. Reported that the Age-Friendly City Committee met and will continue to gather information. The Committee will be contacting Patti Simoni from Santa Clara University to inquire about her knowledge of the certification. Commissioner Kadlecsek shared information about an Age-Friendly City video from the Planning Department. Commissioner Estrada mentioned that the City of Mountain View Senior Advisory Commission was also working on becoming an Age-Friendly City.
  2. Informed the Commission that he attended the Pedestrian Safety Workshop and reminded the group that when out walking you should wear light colored clothing so as to be seen by drivers. He also reported that there was a nice write-up in the Santa Clara Weekly.
  3. Reported on his involvement with Leadership Santa Clara. The class was held at the Santa Clara Police Station. One of the topics discussed was in regards to homeless people in Santa Clara. Since the class, Sam was wondering more specifically about homeless seniors. Commission Diamond and Kadlecsek suggested the County Poll for statistics. The Commission also discussed the closing of the mental hospital as a possible reason for the increase of homelessness.
  4. Informed the Commission that he attended the Lollapalooza at the Central Park Library on February 8. The event was a fundraiser for the library with food and auction items.
- D. Commissioner Diamond
1. Apologized for missing last month's meeting
  2. Informed the Commission that a lawsuit was won with the help of AARP, regarding Homeowner's Association taking advantage of seniors.
  3. Shared with the Commission that she is a member of the Santa Clara Rotary and mentioned that Rotary might be interested in getting together with the SAC to develop a partnership. One idea is to create a video for Senior Center patrons to be educated on the rolls of lifeguards in the Natatorium.

Commissioner Buck suggested a partnership to help raise funds for the Health & Wellness Program

4. Reported to the Commission that she attended the Cypress Center meeting where they had a tight agenda, which was less formal, which involved a small group, and consisted of conversational dialogue. The meeting lasted for one hour and had a council member in attendance. Commissioner Estrada inquired about getting more information about the Senior Commission at the Center.

E. Commissioner Buck

1. Reported to the Commission that she visited the Sunnyvale Senior Center. In the center they have a store when patrons can buy home-made products that members sell. She informed the Commission that the structure is very different, that there is a fee to use the facility. Commissioner Buck will attend the Senior Advisory meeting in May and report back to the Commission.
2. Reminded the Commission about Jury Duty scams and encouraged them to be aware.
3. Stated that she likes the idea of Age-Friendly City and feels that it will make a difference.

F. Commissioner Collins – none

VII. Staff Reports

A. Recreation Manager Lord

1. Updated the Commission on the upcoming park projects.
2. Updated the Commission on the Swim Center, ISHOF, and Community Recreation Center project.

VIII. Old Business: None.

- A. Pedestrian Safety Workshop – Commission Orme reported that he attended the workshop and thought it was well done and informative.
- B. ADA Committee meeting, March 12 at 10:00 am 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.
- C. Showtime, March 6-8 – Commissioner Buck reported that it was a great event.
- D. Suggestion Box – Supervisor Herb reported that there were no comments in the suggestion box which needed addressing by the Commission.

IX. New Business

- E. Establish goals for remainder of the term – Supervisor Herb talked to the Commission about goals and/or projects they'd like to work on this term, and suggested that the members form committees to work on the projects. Commission Orme and Buck spoke an interest in pursuing the Age-Friendly City certification. Commission Collins and Estrada spoke an interest in pursuing the topic of Elder Abuse. Supervisor Herb will work with each committee to develop objectives for each project.
- F. Leadership Santa Clara – Commission Orme will be attending.

- G. Montague Park Outreach meeting February 25 at 5:00 pm – Recreation Manager Lord informed the Commission about the upcoming meeting and encouraged attendance.
- H. March Lunch Meet, March 19 from 12:30-1:30 pm – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about the upcoming meeting that would focus on Cat Foster Program through Humane Society of Silicon Valley.
  
- X. Public Presentations – Community member Tom Freitas proposed the idea of adding Lawn Bowling in Fremont Park, stating that it’s great for socialization and a good way to encourage people to be outside.
  
- XI. Conference and Travel AB 1234: None.
  
- XII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. Next regular scheduled meeting is March 23, 2015 at 10:00 am, Senior Center Room 232.

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