

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

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 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, and Sam Orme

Absent: Bobbi Estrada – Excused
Frank Kadlecek - Excused
Alice Pivacek - Excused

Guests: Lucille Hirsch – community member
Paul Stabile – community member

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor – Senior Center

Matters for Council Action: None

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Vice-Chair Wanda Buck.
- II. Roll Call – Bobbi Estrada – Excused
Frank Kadlecek - Excused
Alice Pivacek - Excused
- III. Introductions of Guests –
 - A. Lucille Hirsch – community member
 - B. Paul Stabile – community member
- IV. Approval of February 23 Minutes – On a motion by Commissioner Collins and seconded by Commissioner Orme, the Minutes of February 23 were approved.
- V. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – On a motion made by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Orme.
- VI. Correspondence/Communications –
 - A. Supervisor Herb shared with the commission about attending the CPRS Conference in Sacramento. Supervisor Herb explained the details about the conference and the benefits of attending the training. She shared information from the City of Irvine Senior Center and they're intergenerational programming.

VII. Summary of City Council Actions – none

VIII. Commissioners' Reports

A. Commissioner Orme

1. Responding to a comment made by a guest at the March meeting, Commissioner Orme expressed an interest in the idea of Bocce Ball Courts at the Senior Center. Guest Stabile commented that Bocce Ball Courts at the Senior Center would be a nice addition.

B. Commissioner Collins –

1. Informed the Commission that he watched one of the DVD's on Elder Abuse and felt that it was good information. Commissioner Collins also mentioned that "Financial Abuse of Seniors" and SALA DVD's are also informative. Commissioner Orme was interested in defining Elder Abuse and curious about statistics and scope of the issue.
2. Expressed an interest in exploring what the Commission's focus should be for the rest of the year.

IX. Staff Reports

A. Recreation Supervisor

1. Updated the Commission on the extended hours at the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursday, beginning the week of April 20.
2. Updated the Commission on the new classes that would be offered in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning the week of April 27.

X. Old Business: None.

- A. Montague Park Outreach meeting February 25 at 5:00 pm – Supervisor Herb asked the Commissioners if anyone attended. None of the members were present.
- B. Showtime, March 6-8 Commissioner Buck reported that it was very successful and there will be report next month.
- C. March Lunch Meet, March 19 from 12:30-1:30 pm – Supervisor Herb inquired if any of the Commissioners attended. No one was able to attend Commissioner Orme shared his experience of adopting a rescue dog in the past and said that it was very rewarding.
- D. Suggestion Box – Commissioner Diamond inquired about the process of the suggestion box. Supervisor Herb explained that patrons are able to leave comments and staff responds to the comments the next month. Commissioner Buck inquired about the placement of the box and wondered if they might be more effectively placed at the entrances of the facilities.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Age-Friendly Cities

1. The Commissioners Orme and Buck have been meeting and beginning to make contacts with partners in the Bay Area. Commissioner Orme has reached out to Anabel Pelham who worked with the City of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills to obtain the Age-Friendly Certification. Anabel is currently working with Mountain View and is interested in working with Santa Clara.

Commissioner Orme was referred to Diana Miller with Santa Clara County, who is working on the Age-Friendly City initiative county-wide.

Commissioners Orme and Buck are interested in having Anabel Pelham and Diana Miller come speak to the Commission in the next couple of months.

B. Elder Abuse

1. Commissioner Collins is interested in reaching out to the Santa Clara Police Department for a presentation on the topic of elder abuse.

XII. New Business

- A. Leadership Santa Clara – Commission Orme attended last month’s meeting where the topic was education. The class was held at Cabrillo Middle School. Commissioner Orme was very impressed with the school and all that it had to offer. The next class will be held on Thursday, April 2.
- B. Continued goal development for remainder of term – Supervisor Herb invited the Commission to continue brainstorming topics and/or projects the Commission would like to address throughout the rest of the term. She encouraged those Commissioners that weren’t on a committee to establish a committee or get involved with Age-Friendly Cities or Elder Abuse. Supervisor Herb will work with each committee to develop objectives for each project.
- C. Community Recreation Center-International Swim Center Project, Public Meeting #2, March 26 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Community Recreation Center – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about the meeting and encouraged members to attend.
- D. ADA Committee meeting, April 9 at 10:00 am in the City Council Chambers – Commissioner Collins informed the Commission that there wasn’t a meeting, but that he would attend the next one.
- E. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 22 – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about the dinner.

X. Public Presentations – none

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 April 27, 2015 at 10:00 am, Senior Center Room 232.

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