



CITY OF SANTA CLARA
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES
May 18, 2015

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for a special meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 10:00 am, at the Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St, Santa Clara, California, in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting.

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

Absent: Bobbi Estrada – Excused

Guests: Anabel Pelham Ph.D. – Age-Friendly Cities Presentation
Donna Marencia – Silicon Valley Senior Services
Teresa O’Neill, City Council Member

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

Matters for Council Action: None

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Chair Alice Pivacek.
- II. Roll Call – Bobbi Estrada – Excused
- III. Introductions of Guests –
 - A. Donna Marencia – Silicon Valley Senior Services
 - B. Teresa O’Neill, City Council Member
 - C. Anabel Pelham Ph.D. – Age-Friendly Cities presentation
 1. A global future where every community and city is Age-Friendly; in an ideal future, older people will flourish and thrive within communities and cities that are vital, vibrant and richly reflect successful fulfillment of the World Health Organization’s (WHO) eight age-friendly-city domains:
 - a. outdoor spaces and buildings
 - b. transportation
 - c. housing
 - d. social participation
 - e. respect and social inclusion
 - f. civic participation and employment
 - g. communication and information



- h. community support and health services
 - 2. According to WHO, “An age-friendly environment fosters active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.”
- IV. Approval of April 27 Minutes – On a motion by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Orme, the Minutes of May 18 were approved.
- V. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – On a motion made by Commissioner Buck and seconded by Commissioner Diamond.
- VI. Correspondence/Communications – None
- VII. Summary of City Council Actions – Council Member O’Neil informed the Commission that the budget would be reviewed at the May 19 City Council meeting. She explained that the City Manager is looking to restore financial stability and restore services while increasing reserves.
- VIII. Commissioners’ Reports
 - A. Commissioner Kadlecek –
 - 1. Informed the commission that long-time front desk staff member, Judy Dawson was leaving and her last day would be May 28.
 - B. Commission Diamond
 - 1. Informed the Commission that she’s taking the Senior Self-Defense Class at the Senior Center on Tuesday evenings. She commented on the great knowledge of the instructor and the importance of the skills.
- IX. Staff Reports - None
- X. Old Business:
 - A. Alive Inside viewing, June – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about the documentary that will be shown at the Senior Center, and will update them with a date. She also encouraged members to attend.
 - B. Volunteer opportunities at Senior Center – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about a new Customer Service Greeter volunteer opportunity at the Senior Center, and encouraged Commissioners to sign up for a shift.
- XI. Committee Reports
 - A. Age-Friendly Cities
 - 1. After Anabel Pelham’s presentation, Commissioner Orme asked the Commission to vote and decide if they were in favor of moving forward with the Age-Friendly City initiative. The Commission voted 5 to 1 in favor, with Commissioner Collins not in favor. Commissioners Orme and Buck continue to meet and have secured Diana Miller from Santa



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Clara County to speak at the June SAC meeting. The committee is interested in hearing from Diana who is working with the county in regards to Age-Friendly Cities.

- B. Elder Abuse
 - 1. Commissioners Collins and Estrada will be meeting to discuss how the Commission can be involved in raising awareness on the topic, research how seniors in the Santa Clara community might be affected, and what resources are available to them.

XII. New Business

- A. Leadership Santa Clara – Commission Orme attended the May 7 meeting which was held at Kaiser in Santa Clara, with a tour of the JW House, as well as presentations on conducting meetings. The next class will be held on Thursday, May 28.
- B. Senior Center BBQ, Thursday, May 21 – The Senior Center will be having a BBQ in the patio from 12:00 – 1:00 pm, showcasing the summer classes at the facility. Tickets can be purchased at the snack bar for \$5.00. The BBQ consists of choice of hamburger or hot dog, with fruit, chips, dessert, and a drink.
- C. Alive Inside, June 24 – The Health and Wellness staff are showing the documentary on memory and music, in connection with June as Alzheimer Awareness month. The movie will be from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in room 232 at the Senior Center.
- D. Art and Wine Festival, September 19 and 20 – Supervisor Herb talked about the event and informed the Commission that there are lots of volunteer opportunities. She encouraged them to think about how they might get involved.
- E. Super Tree Lighting, December 4 – Supervisor Herb talked about the event and the changes to this year's activities. She informed the Commission that there would be a greater need for volunteers. She encouraged them to think about how they might get involved.

XIII. Public Presentations – none

XIV. Conference and Travel AB 1234: None.

XV. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am. Next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2015 at 10:00 am in Senior Center Room 233.

Prepared by:

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