



City of Santa Clara

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CITY OF SANTA CLARA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES June 27, 2016

The City of Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 27, 2016 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: Excused – Bobbie Estrada
Excused – Alice Pivacek
Excused – Nancy Toledo

Guests: Frances Vodden – Community member
Grant L. McCauley – Incoming Senior Advisory member

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor
Kimberly Castro, Recreation Manager

Matters for Council Action: none

- I. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am by Secretary Sam Orme.
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Excused – Bobbie Estrada
 - B. Excused – Alice Pivacek
 - C. Excused – Nancy Toledo
- III. Introductions of Guests –
 - A. Frances Vodden – Community member
 - B. Grant L. McCauley – Incoming Senior Advisory member
- IV. Approval of April 25 and May 23, 2016 Minutes – On a motion made by Commissioner Buck and seconded by Commissioner Collins, the minutes from April 25 and May 23 meetings were approved with Commission Diamond abstaining.
- V. Approval of the order of the meeting agenda – On a motion made by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Commissioner Buck, the order of the meeting agenda was approved.

- VI. Correspondence/Communications – None
- VII. Summary of City Council Actions – The outgoing Senior Advisory Commission members will be recognized at the Tuesday, June 28 Council Meeting.
- VIII. Commissioners' Reports
 - A. Commissioner Orme
 - 1. Shared two resources regarding information on Dementia; “The Brain that Changes Itself,” and TED Talk with Neuroscientist – on how to grow new brain cells.
 - 2. Expressed a concern for understanding the process in which motions are made and the steps that take place to submit them to Council.
 - B. Commissioner Diamond
 - 1. Reported that the Silicon Valley Barbecue Championship sponsored by the Santa Clara Rotary and the City of Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department was a great event. The event drew a big crowd.
 - 2. Commented that the Gentle Yoga and Self-Defense for Seniors classes held at the Senior Center are great for stimulating the brain.
 - 3. Inquired about the possibility of showing TED Talks at the Senior Center and incorporate a discussion relating to the topic.
 - C. Commissioner Buck
 - 1. Shared that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- IX. Staff Reports –
 - A. Recreation Supervisor Herb reminded the commission about endorsing candidates as individuals and not commissioners.
- X. Old Business:
 - A. Senior Advisory Vacancies – Two new members, Grant McCauley and Alma Garcia, have been chosen and will begin on July 27.
 - B. Silicon Valley BBQ Championship, June 24 and 25 – Supervisor Herb informed the Commission about the successfulness of the event.
 - C. Live Well Faire, spring 2017 – Supervisor Herb asked the Commission to save the date for the event next spring, and asked them to consider helping to plan the event. The topic of brain awareness was mentioned as a possible resource table.
- XI. Committee Reports
 - A. Age-Friendly Cities: The Age-Friendly Task Force and members of the Senior Advisory Commission met to discuss the progress of the task force. The group came up with ideas that will be shared with the rest of the Senior Advisory Commission. The Senior Advisory Commission will then decide what ideas they would like to contribute at the next ADA Committee meeting.

B. Elder Abuse: Nothing at this time.

XII. New Business

- A. 4th of July All City Picnic – Monday, July 4 in Central Park – Supervisor Herb encouraged the commissioners to attend the event.
- B. Art and Wine Festival – September 17 and 18 – Supervisor Herb informed the commission about the upcoming event and let them know about volunteer opportunities.
- C. Senior Center tours – Supervisor Herb mentioned the idea of touring local Senior Centers as a way to see what other cities are doing for the senior community. Supervisor Herb will recommend different Senior Centers beginning in July.

XIII. Public Presentations – it was recommended that this portion of the agenda be moved to the front of the agenda so those wishing to speak to the commission can do so at the beginning of the meeting, instead of waiting to the end of the meeting.

XIV. Conference and Travel AB 1234: None

XV. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 am. Next meeting is July 25, 2016 at 10:00 am in Senior Center Room 232.

Prepared by:

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Secretary

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Staff Liaison