

# CITY OF NEWARK SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Minutes** 

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center 7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark, CA 9:15 a.m.

#### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Al Nagy called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members Rick Arellano, Sandy Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Faye Hall, Kathleen Lemos, Glen Wickizer and Gloria Wilson.

Advisory Committee Members Dolores Powell and Tamara Tucker were noted absent.

Staff present: Cheryl Galvez, Karen Moraida and David Zehnder.

#### B. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the November 3, 2016 Senior Advisory Committee meeting were moved for approval by Committee Member Hall, and seconded by Committee Member Lemos with all in favor.

#### C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Nagy welcomed Guest speaker Moina Shaiq.

## D. GUEST SPEAKER: Moina Shaiq, President Tri-City Interfaith Council and Alameda County Human Relations Commissioner

Ms. Shaiq provided an in-depth explanation of the Muslim Faith and hosted a very informative question and answer session. Ms. Shaiq invited all in attendance to attend the Tri-City Interfaith Council meetings the first Thursday of each month. Upcoming meeting schedules are posted on the Tri City Interfaith Council website.

#### E. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder distributed the Human Services/Senior Center Report for December, 2016.

Overall Comparison equals last year's numbers.

#### F. OLD BUSINESS

Committee Member Ballard shared he had attended an Alzheimer's Education meeting last week. There is 1 person signed up for the class scheduled in Newark. The next meeting is scheduled for 2/16/17 at the Fremont Senior Center.

#### G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Fremont, Union City and Newark Joint Senior Commission/Committee Reports

– Woody Ballard

See item F above.

#### G.2 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration would be held Friday, February 3 and 53 volunteers will be in attendance. The Senior Center will open to the public at 11:00am after the event. Staff is currently in the planning process for the Summer Recreation Activities Guide. There are still some openings for Winter/Fall trips.

### G.3 Upcoming Meeting Schedule: March 2, 2017

#### H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Committee Member Rick Arellano inquired about attendance since opening the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center on Fridays. Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reported attendance Friday mornings is very good with the addition of a Mahjong and Poker Group. Friday afternoons however are very slow.

Committee Member Rick Arellano inquired as to why the Newark Senior Center Facebook page hadn't been updated in two years. Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reported she would request Recreation Coordinator Kelly Hess, who created and edits the page, to update it. Chairperson Nagy added that the City of Newark is in the process of updating their website to a more user-friendly site.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reported she along with approximately 30 other community members attended a training program in support of the City of Fremont's World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Initiative. Step 1 The City of Fremont has applied to become an Age-Friendly City under the WHO and AARP's network. Fremont's efforts are being led by their Human Services Department and an intern from Cal Berkeley with the goal to hold nine focus groups touching on a variety of senior issues during the month of February.

Committee Member Glen Wickizer expressed concern for Committee Member Tamara Tucker who has not been in attendance. Chairperson Nagy asked Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida to follow up with her.

#### I. PUBLIC INPUT

Ms. Shaiq inquired as to the Newark Police Department's enforcement procedures towards undocumented residents. Chairperson Nagy stated immigration is a federal issue, the Newark Police Department's primary responsibility is local law enforcement and safety.

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Galvez

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