



CITY OF NEWARK

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark, CA
9:15 a.m.

Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2016

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Al Nagy called meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members Rick Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Faye Hall, Kathleen Lemos, Dolores Powell, , and Glen Wickizer,.

Advisory Committee Members Sandy Arellano, Tamara Tucker and Gloria Wilson were noted absent.

Staff present Karen Moraida, Edda Rivera and David Zehnder.

B. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the April 7, 2016 Senior Advisory Committee meeting were moved for approval by Senior Advisory Committee Member Rick Arellano and seconded by Senior Advisory Committee Member Glen Wickizer with all in favor.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Al Nagy welcomed Fremont Senior Citizen Commissioners JoAnne Rhoades-Jones, and guest speaker Patricia Montejano.

D. GUEST SPEAKER Patricia Montejano, Community Preservation Specialist, City of Newark Community Development

Ms. Montejano provided an overview of the City of Newark's Community Preservation program and services. The Community Preservation Division is responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Newark Municipal Code and various other related codes and policies. Ms. Montejano role as Community Preservation Specialist is to enhance safety, quality of life and build partnerships while enforcing neighborhood property maintenance and help maintain property values within aesthetically pleasing communities.

Ms. Montejano explained to committee members what is required from Newark residents in order to investigate a complaint or report a violation; she also shared the most common municipal code violations.

E. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder distributed and reviewed with the committee a detailed report for the month of April, 2016.

Overall daily and program attendance for the month was 2,368 with no new Senior Case Management cases opened.

An average of eleven (11) daily meals were served at the Senior Center and Meals on Wheel delivered an average of 48 daily meals. Volunteers clocked 444 hours of service for the month.

Paratransit program service figures from January - April 2016 were not available.

F. OLD BUSINESS
No Report

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Fremont, Union City and Newark Joint Senior Committee Report – Woody Ballard

Committee Member Ballard shared briefly an update on the joint meetings with senior advisory and commission members from the cities of Fremont and Union City. He inquired about appointed members from Newark Advisory Committee to specific subcommittee or functions to report back on their respective functions on a monthly basis.

Additionally, he invited committee members to attend one of the upcoming Fremont and Union City Senior Citizen Commissioner/Committee meetings.

G.2 TCEC Report – Faye Hall

Committee and Tri-City Elders Coalition Rep Faye Hall attended the Tri-City Elders Coalition meeting and reported on the following events:

- Alameda County Area Agency on Aging conducted an Older Adult Survey last year and approximately 4000 surveys were received. The result from this survey showed that 27% of seniors surveyed lived alone, 85% own their homes and 15% rent. The top concerns for seniors were financial insecurity, housing, danger of falling, home maintenance, decision making, personal safety and memory confusion.
- Fremont is in the initial process of becoming a World Health Organization Aging Friendly Community. This would be the first program in Alameda County to receive this certification. The City of Fremont was selected based on these 8 characteristics: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, civic participation and employment, housing, social participation, respect and social isolation, communication and information, and community support and health services. This program will also benefits to other Tri-City area senior programs and service providers
- Community Ambassadors Program (CAP). The Community Ambassador Program for seniors trains volunteers to assist older adults in locating local resources and services which could help improve their independence and quality of life. On April 27 & 28, 2016, 80 volunteer ambassadors were trained as CAPS Ambassadors. These Ambassadors serve as a bridge between the formal network of social service providers, faith based organizations and cultural communities.
- Alameda County Affordable Housing Bond. The County Board of Supervisors is planning a \$500 million Affordable Housing Bond Measure for the November 2016 ballot. Town Hall meetings will be hosted around the county with the goal to present the final Housing Bond measure language and authorizing resolution to the full Board of Supervisors on June 14, 2016.

- Four Seasons of Health Expo – Friday, June 3, 2016 from 9:00am – 1:00pm., Fremont Senior Center in Central Park.
- ReCares Equipment Recyclers. Washington Hospital is a designated site for the collection and distribution of donated clean, gently used medical equipment and unused health care supplies. Free Medical equipment is provided to those in need.

G.3 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida highlighted the summer entertainment events at the Senior Center:

- Cinco de Mayo Bingo, Thursday, May 5, 2016, 1:00pm
- Mother's Day Lunch & Frank Sinatra's Sounds – Friday, May 6, 12:00pm
- Painting Party – Wednesday, May 11, 9:30am-12:00pm
- Hamilton County Bluegrass Band – Wednesday, June 1, 12:00pm
- Country Western Duo "Double Trouble" Friday, June 17, 12:00pm

G.4 Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Next meeting to be held on June 2, 2016

H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder extended an invitation to committee members to the Music at the Grove summer concert series starting on Friday, June 24 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Shirley Sisk Grove and 3rd Annual Mariachi Festival on Sunday, July 17 from 2:00 – 5:00pm.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida extended an invitation to committee member to join the "Senior Rally Day 2016" on May 11 in Sacramento at the State Capital Building. This is a great opportunity for seniors to raise their voices with a rally cry of "Fighting Poverty – Promoting Independence".

I. PUBLIC INPUT

No Comments.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am

Respectfully submitted,

**Edda Rivera
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