

MINUTES – PLACENTIA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING 4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2016
CIVIC CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
401 E.CHAPMAN AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Beverly Cardwell, Ron White, Bob Dewey, and Huberto “Bobby” Mayo

Staff Present: Sandra Gonzalez, Community Services Director, Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor, Aileen Salazar, Program Coordinator, Rebecca Garcia, Senior Community Services Leader, and Veronica Rodarte, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No members of the public were present.

1. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Cardwell called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2016. Committee Member Mayo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes from January 13, 2016. The motion was **SECONDED** by Committee member Dewey.

2. Budget Log Review

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell remarked that the total net was down by about \$300 from January. The net total was \$1,784.29. Community Services Director Gonzalez proposed forming a quarterly list of expenditures and revenue with the previous logs as backup, if needed.

4. Senior Center Operations:

The Committee distributed a questionnaire to twenty-three participants at the Senior Center. On average, Senior Center participants have been attending the center for about nine and a half years. The seniors’ weekly attendance averages to about two and a half days a week. Most seniors drive themselves. Seniors desire an improved facility, specifically in the bathrooms, and more parking. Committee Member Mayo recommended that the results of the questionnaire be shared with the participants of the Senior Center to update them on what the Committee is planning to do. A PowerPoint presentation, in English and Spanish, was proposed to be used to share an overview of the questionnaire.

Chairperson Cardwell pointed out that some responses on the questionnaire requested longer hours for the Senior Center. Vice Chairperson White stated that the seniors could benefit from working with the children who attend Cathy Torrez Learning Center by learning computer skills and participating in other activities. He also noted that the interaction between seniors and children could occur monthly or every so often.

Chairperson Cardwell reminded the Committee of having a grandchildren's day. At this event there would be a barbeque, crafts, and karaoke. Vice Chairperson White noted that the patio needs its furniture for outdoor enjoyment.

5. Senior Excursions:

The Committee discussed the possibility of more trips for the seniors. The City's affiliation with Orange County Transportation Authority would allow seniors to take trips to the movies and other similar activities. The contract will be renewed in July. Similarly, the curb at the front of the center has been painted to become a loading and unloading zone only. This will create accessibility for the bus to transport participants.

Vice Chairperson White mentioned a program called OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, located at California State University, Fullerton. This program provides classes and free programs for health and wellness that could benefit seniors.

6. Agenda Building

The Committee will have an update of the Orange County transportation grant. Ideas for activities to list on the Orange County Transportation Authority will also be discussed. The same items will be addressed in the next meeting.

7. Committee Comments

Vice Chairperson White mentioned the Rotary Club's upcoming barbeque fundraiser at Tri-City Park on June 4, 2016. It is an all you can eat event that costs forty dollars. It was decided that advertisements for the event can be posted at the Senior Center.

Committee Member Mayo recommended adding the Senior Advisory Committee meeting times to the Senior Center monthly newsletter.

8. Staff comments

Community Services Director Gonzalez informed the Committee of a potential association between the City and the Gerontology Department at California State University, Fullerton by which undergraduate and graduate students would help to implement some of the ideas discussed in the Committee's meetings. Community Services Director Gonzalez also mentioned Caremore, a senior service that provides dances and parties, with an intention to implement that service at the Senior Center. Community Services Director Gonzalez notified the Committee of a potential walking club that would be in affiliation with St. Jude Heritage. Seniors would walk a couple of times a week with one another and log the amount that they travelled. A suggestion box will put at the Senior Center per Community Services Director Gonzalez's recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Ron White motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and Committee member Huberto Mayo seconded the motion with the next meeting to be held on July 13, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.