

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Beverly Cardwell called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Sandra Gonzalez, Community Services Director, Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor, Andrea Mejia, Community Services Specialist, Rebecca Garcia, Senior Community Services Leader, and Veronica Rodarte, Community Services Coordinator, Ivette Rodriguez, Community Services Management Analyst.

Guests: Johnnie Barfoot

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Johnnie Barfoot from Senior Center was present.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

2. Budget Log Review

Community Services Coordinator, Veronica Rodarte, provided the budget log at the advisory meeting. Based on the log, the total net revenue was determined to be \$1,621.48. Community Services Director, Sandra Gonzalez, proposed labeling the log, “Senior Center Spring Quarter Budget.”

4. Senior Center Operations:

Johnnie Barfoot, Senior Center member, voiced concerns about the conditions of the Senior Center building. Barfoot’s concerns ranged from chipped paint, broken locks on the restrooms, and the poor condition of the restrooms in the facility. Chairperson, Cardwell, agreed with Barfoot and stated that the front doors are too heavy for the seniors to be opening, especially those with walkers. The front doors were intended to be opened automatically with a push of a button but that feature is not working. It was also mentioned that the floors are also beginning to chip and will need to be fixed.

Community Services Director, Sandra Gonzalez, proposed the seniors voice their concerns at a city council meeting, and also suggested that one or two seniors attend a meeting with the city administrator and herself to discuss the problems that Senior Center is facing. The meeting will be arranged for a later date by Gonzalez.

5. Senior Excursions:

Chairperson, Cardwell, stated that Senior Center will not be participating in the Heritage Festival because nobody is purchasing knitted scarves and hats during October. Senior Center will have a float in the parade itself, however, last year they were last. Seniors waited in the heat for three hours before their turn in the parade. Chairperson, Cardwell, requested that the Senior Center float be moved up in the parade this year. Community Services Supervisor, Veronica Ortiz, and Community Services Director, Sandra Gonzalez, will be addressing this issue of placement at the next Heritage meeting.

Chairperson, Cardwell, brought up the idea of taxi vouchers for seniors in Placentia. Community Services Supervisor, Veronica Ortiz, is discussing the possibility with Orange County Transportation Authority. Community Services Director, Sandra Gonzalez would also like to incorporate more excursions for the seniors within Orange County.

The first week in August, Senior Center will be going to the Orange County fair. Sandra Gonzalez, Community Services Director, brought up the idea of scholarships for seniors in the case of a senior not being able to pay fees for excursions.

6. Agenda Building

There will be an update about the meeting that is to be scheduled with the city administrator and seniors. Filling the vacancies in the Committee will also be discussed. Elections for a new chairperson will be addressed in October. The special meeting is tentatively set for the last week in September. The same items will be addressed in the next meeting.

7. Committee Comments

It was proposed that Grandkids Day be changed to Grandkids Fun Day. Community Services Director, Gonzalez, suggested that the event be held in early August. Chairperson, Cardwell, wants to boost advertising because last year only two people participated in the event.

Committee member, White, announced that there will be a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels and will be providing more information at a later date. The fundraiser is not expected to occur until March, sometime around St. Patrick's Day. Chairperson, Cardwell, will be putting together a suggestion box at Senior Center. It will be advertised vocally throughout the center as well as through the News Letter.

Chairperson, Cardwell, mentioned that two applications for vacancies in the Committee were submitted seven months and 3 months ago. Neither applicant has heard back from anyone regarding the application.

8. Staff comments

Ivette Rodriguez, Management Analyst, discussed different activities and classes offered through the Olli program. Rodriguez also stated that there is a student from Cal State Fullerton that is getting their degree in gerontology. The student is currently waiting for her study to be approved by the college so that she may begin working with Senior Center.

Veronica Rodarte, Community Services Coordinator, stated that Committee Member, Bob Dewey, has officially resigned from the Committee. Community Services Coordinator, Rodarte, also distributed an application for Access Service through OCTA that allows for seniors to receive transportation. The application must be submitted in person, Rodarte will

be in contact with OCTA about a representative going to Senior Center to explain what the service is, as well as possibly collecting applications. This would eliminate seniors having to drive or find a way to Santa Ana to turn the application in.

Community Services Director, Gonzalez, notified the Committee of a potential walking club. Seniors would walk a couple of times a week with one another and log the amount that they travelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Ron White motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. and Committee member Huberto Mayo seconded the motion with the next meeting to be held on October 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.