



Senior Advisory Committee Agenda

November 13, 2024, 6:15 p.m.
Placentia Senior Center

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Senior Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

November 13, 2024, 6:15 P.M. – Placentia Senior Center

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Tricia Montelongo
Manpreet Chadha
Virginia Martinez
Sheila Jordan
Aida Ohsner
Jodi Stout Ward
Marie Wahbeh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Minutes**
 - a. Adjourned Regular meeting
September 11, 2024
Recommended action: Approve.
2. **Meals on Wheels Update** – Staff to provide update on in person dining transition.
3. **Transportation** – Staff to provide an update on the Transportation.
4. **Senior Groceries Update** – Staff to update on in person distribution transition.
5. **Senior Center Programming** – Staff to provide an update on various activities.
6. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule** – Staff and Committee to review agenda items.
7. **Committee Comments and Requests** - Committee to contribute comments or requests regarding possible actions and services.

STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The Senior Advisory Committee will adjourn to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. at the Placentia Senior Center.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Felipe Zambrano, Community Services Coordinator for the City of Placentia, hereby certify that the Agenda for the September 11, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee was posted on Thursday, September 5, 2024.

Felipe Zambrano

Felipe Zambrano
Community Services Coordinator

MINUTES – PLACENTIA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING 6:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY, September 11th, 2024
143 S. BRADFORD AVE.

CALL TO ORDER

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano called the meeting to order at 6:25 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tricia Montelongo, Virginia Martinez, Sheila Jordan, Aida Ohsner, Jodi Stout Ward, Marie Wahbeh

Absent: Manpreet Chadha

Staff Present: Felipe Zambrano, Community Services Coordinator

Guests: None

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

1. Minutes

- a. The minutes for September 11th, 2024, were **MOTIONED** for approval by Committee Member Jordan and was **SECONDED** by Committee Member Stout Ward. Motion carried.

2. Meals on Wheels Update

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano updated the Committee regarding the Meals on Wheels program. He informed the Committee that the number of participants have continued to grow, specifically on slower days. On average, the Placentia senior center serves between 73 and 92 lunches per week through the Meals on Wheels program. Zambrano expressed that the center may require more seating if program attendance continues to grow.

3. Transportation

Coordinator Zambrano updated the Committee regarding the Senior Center's Transportation. He informed the Committee that there were changes made to the program in June. The transportation service now only covers medical and shopping related trips. As of September, the transportation program had 331 participants registered. This is an increase from 268 registered participants in May. In May it was recorded that 978 trips were completed. After the new adjustments were implemented in June, the trips decreased to 668. In July there was an increase to 958 trips. Zambrano stated that with these large numbers of trips we are going over budget for this program. Zambrano told the Committee he spoke with Acting Community Services Director Jeanette Ortega about adding a 10-mile limit to rides. This will take effect January 1st, 2025. Currently seniors can travel anywhere in Orange County.

4. Senior Groceries Update

Coordinator Zambrano provided an update regarding the Senior Grocery program. He informed the Committee that 108 households were served during the previous grocery distribution. During that distribution the senior center did not have enough groceries to serve everyone. Zambrano contacted Second Harvest Food Bank about increasing the number of groceries to accommodate 100 households. During these distributions, there is not enough seating to accommodate all participants. Coordinator Zambrano explained that the senior center opens at 8:00 A.M. on grocery program days and seniors arrive early to receive tickets for the distribution. Grocery Distribution starts at 10:00 A.M.

5. Senior Center Programming

Coordinator Zambrano gave an update regarding the Senior Center programming. He updated the Committee about the different events that took place over the summer. This included Father's Day, 4th of July party, ice cream party, end of summer party, concerts in the park excursions, and an OC Fair excursion. Karaoke was also a recent popular activity at the site.

He informed the Committee that several parties were sponsored by Meals on Wheels so the center could host intergenerational events. These intergenerational events were to encourage younger participants to come to the program and be served a Meals on Wheels provided lunch. Placentia PD and Fire Department also attended these events.

Zambrano updated the Committee about the changes in senior center staff. He discussed how many staff have left over the past few months, including Alejandro Ruiz, Carly Buck, and Anjelica Gonzalez. Coordinator Zambrano told the Committee that on Monday September 2nd interviews were conducted for the senior center site lead position. Coordinator Zambrano informed the committee that Alejandro Ruiz had interviewed and would be reinstated back to his position as site lead. Coordinator Zambrano stated he is waiting on HR's confirmation before telling the senior center participants. The interim site lead Valerie Ruiz will be moving to another site. Coordinator Zambrano stated that the center is looking to build a new core team of staff.

Coordinator Zambrano gave an update regarding the arts and crafts classes at the center. The OC Korean Adventist Church would be returning to operate an arts and crafts class every Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. for the seniors.

6. Senior Advisory Vacancy

None

7. Budget

None

8. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

The Blue Ribbon committee expects updates soon about parking.

9. **Committee Comments and Requests**

The Blue Ribbon committee expressed frustrations about the lack of parking around the senior center. The Committee wants to talk to senior center participants about attending a city council meeting together to have their frustrations heard. There was a suggestion to have Councilmen visit the Committee meetings and talk to them about the growing population of senior participants and discuss getting a better or bigger facility. As well, it was recommended to take photos during senior center to show city council the lack of available seating on busy distribution days.

The Committee also expressed concerns about the city's lack of banquet hall. Committee members noticed City of Placentia schools often use other city's buildings for events. Coordinator Zambrano suggested inviting City Administrator Damian Arrula to the next Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Committee Member Martinez **MOTIONED** to adjourn on Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. Committee Member Montelongo **SECONDED** this motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Wednesday, November 13th, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.