



Senior Advisory Committee Agenda

July 9, 2025, 6:15 p.m.
Placentia Senior Center

Chair

Tricia Montelongo

Vice Chair

Manpreet Chadha

Virginia Marinez

Aida Ohsner

Marie Wabeh

Jodi Stout Ward

Vacant

Procedures for Addressing the Senior Advisory Committee

Any person who wishes to speak regarding an item on the agenda or on a subject within the City's jurisdiction during the "Oral Communications" portion of the agenda should fill out a "Speaker Request Form" and give it to the recording secretary BEFORE that portion of the agenda is called.

The Senior Advisory Committee encourages free expression of all points of view. To allow all persons the opportunity to speak, please keep your remarks brief. If others have already expressed your position, you may simply indicate that you agree with a previous speaker. If appropriate, a spokesperson may present the views of an entire group. To encourage all views, Senior Advisory Committee discourages clapping, booing or shouts of approval or disagreement from the audience.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL PAGERS, CELL PHONES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WHILE COMMITTEE IS IN SESSION.

Special Accommodations

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will generally enable City staff to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

(28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II)

Copies of all agenda materials are available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk. Persons who have questions concerning any agenda item may call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 to make inquiry concerning the nature of the item described on the agenda.

In compliance with Senate Bill 343, any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Senior Advisory Committee regarding any item on this agenda that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act will be made available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, during normal business hours.

**City of Placentia
401 E Chapman Avenue
City of Placentia, CA 92870**

**Community Services Department
Phone: (714) 993-8232
Fax: (714) 961-0283
Website: www.placentia.org**

Senior Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting

July 9, 2025, 6:15 P.M. – Placentia Senior Center

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Tricia Montelongo
Manpreet Chadha
Virginia Martinez
Aida Ohsner
Marie Wabeh
Jodi Sout Ward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time the public is invited to address the Senior Advisory Committee concerning any agenda item, which is not a public hearing item, or other items under the jurisdiction of the Senior Advisory Committee.

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Minutes**
 - a. Adjourned Special meeting
April 17, 2025
Recommended action: Approve.
2. **Senior Center Programming** – Staff to provide an update on various activities.
3. **Meals on Wheels Update** – Staff to provide update on in person dining transition.
4. **Transportation** – Staff to provide an update on the Transportation.
5. **Senior Groceries Update** – Staff to update on in person distribution transition.
6. **PCF Grant** – Staff to provide update on Placentia Community Foundation Grant.
7. **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule** – Staff and Committee to review future agenda items.
8. **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, September 9, 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 July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee was posted on Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

Felipe Zambrano

Felipe Zambrano
Community Services Coordinator

MINUTES – PLACENTIA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING 6:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th, 2025
143 S. BRADFORD AVE.

CALL TO ORDER

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tricia Montelongo, Sheila Jordan, Aida Ohsner, Jodi Stoutward, Marie Wahbeh, Manpreet Chadha

Absent: None

Staff Present: Felipe Zambrano, Community Services Coordinator;
Alejandro Ruiz, Senior Community Services Specialist
Lydie Gutfeld, Director of Community Services

Guests: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

• **Minutes**

The minutes for November 13th, 2024 were **MOTIONED** for approval by Committee Member Ohsner and was **SECONDED** by Committee Member Montelongo. Motion carried.

• **Meals on Wheels Update**

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano provided an update on the Meals on Wheels program. For the month of January, the Senior Center served 366 meals. In February, the number increased slightly to 382 meals, and in March, 379 meals were served. Community Services Coordinator Zambrano noted that meal participation has remained stable and consistent over the past three months.

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano also informed the Committee that the Senior Center was recently inspected by both Meals on Wheels and the Orange County Health Care Agency. The facility passed the inspection with high scores.

• **Transportation**

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano provided an update on the Senior Center Transportation Program. He reminded the Committee that the City of Placentia suspended the senior transportation service as of November 4, 2024. The service resumed on November 6, with transportation limited between a participant's home and the Senior Center. In February, the City expanded the program to include limited medical and shopping trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30

p.m. Currently, transportation is offered to three medical locations and two shopping centers, with details available on the Senior Center website.

Director of Community Services Gutfeld added that the selected destinations were determined based on data collected by Yellow Cab, identifying the most frequently visited locations by seniors. Director of Community Services Gutfeld also provided an overview of the budget for the transportation program, including how current funds are being utilized. Director of Community Services Gutfeld stated that for the next fiscal year, the City has allocated funding to hire a Class B driver dedicated to senior services on a daily basis. She noted that Placentia currently has one functioning bus available for use and reviewed a plan to operate efficiently within the existing budget, conserve funds, and explore options for expanding the program in the future. Additionally, Director of Community Services Gutfeld discussed the potential for identifying and developing further senior transportation services.

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano also shared feedback from a Placentia resident who expressed dissatisfaction with the initial cancellation of the program and offered suggestions on how the program could be improved and what services she felt were lacking.

Community Services Senior Specialist Ruiz asked whether the City intends to add more destinations to the program beyond the current five. Director of Community Services Gutfeld responded that the City is open to adding new locations and plans to engage with the community to determine which destinations are in highest demand among senior residents.

- **Senior Groceries Update**

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano provided an update on the Senior Grocery Program. He reported that the program continues to be highly active, serving an average of 100 families per distribution. Community Services Coordinator Zambrano noted that if groceries remain after the initial distribution, seniors are welcome to go through the distribution line a second time. Community Services Coordinator Zambrano also highlighted that the program is designed to allow seniors to select the specific items they wish to receive, offering flexibility and choice in the distribution process.

- **Senior Center Programming**

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano provided an update on recent and upcoming programming at the Senior Center. Community Services Coordinator Zambrano shared that several events have taken place since the Committee's last meeting, including the Senior Center Christmas Party in December, which featured a live band and catered food for attendees. The Center was closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. A smaller-scale celebration was also held for St. Patrick's Day.

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano noted that arts and crafts classes, provided by the Orange Central Korean Church, continue to be offered every Tuesday. The class is free for participants, with expenses for supplies shared between the City and the church.

Looking ahead, Community Services Coordinator Zambrano announced that the Senior Center will host an Easter party sponsored by Alignment Health Care. The event will feature Easter-themed candy and treats, Easter basket raffles, and an Easter-themed bingo activity.

During the discussion, Committee Member Chadha inquired about how event sponsors are obtained. Community Services Senior Specialist Ruiz explained that many sponsors are connected through existing partnerships with organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Second Harvest Food Bank. Community Services Senior Specialist Ruiz also clarified that sponsors are not permitted to approach seniors at their tables or collect transactions on site. Director of Community Services Gutfeld provided additional information about the requirements and procedures sponsors must meet in order to participate in events at the Senior Center.

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano also shared plans for a Mother's Day celebration, which will include a live mariachi band, food catered by El Farolito, and flowers distributed to all female participants in attendance.

- **Senior Advisory Vacancy**

None

- **Budget**

Committee Member Montelongo expressed interest in obtaining more information regarding the Senior Center's budget. Community Services Senior Specialist Ruiz reported that he had recently applied for and was awarded a \$1,000 grant to support senior center excursions. Committee Member Montelongo inquired why the City does not allocate funds for excursions within the existing budget and asked where those funds are currently directed. Director of Community Services Gutfeld explained that in previous years, the transportation budget was used to support excursions, but those funds are now primarily allocated to the Yellow Cab Senior Transportation Program. Director of Community Services Gutfeld also noted that the City is actively working to reduce expenses, with multiple departments implementing cost-saving measures.

Committee Member Montelongo also asked about the possibility of leveraging support and resources from local businesses. Director of Community Services Gutfeld responded that such partnerships are typically facilitated through the Placentia Community Foundation. Director of Community Services Gutfeld also added that the City Council ultimately determines the Senior Center's budget allocations.

Director of Community Services Gutfeld concluded by expressing her interest in acquiring funds to host a senior dance at the Backs Community Building.

- **Agenda Building and Meeting Schedule**

Community Services Coordinator Zambrano noted that the current meeting was held outside of the Committee's regular meeting schedule. Community Services Coordinator Zambrano asked the Committee whether they preferred to hold the next meeting in May or wait until July to return to the regular meeting schedule. The Committee expressed a preference to reconvene in July.

- **Committee Comments and Requests**

Committee Member Ohsner inquired about the status of the community center that had previously been planned for construction. Director of Community Services Gutfeld informed the Committee that the project is no longer moving forward. Instead, the City is exploring plans to renovate the Backs Community Building to serve as a new community center and the future home of the Senior Center. The renovated facility is intended to be an intergenerational site that will serve seniors, adults, and children.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Committee Member Wabeh **MOTIONED** to adjourn on Thursday, April 17th, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Committee Member Ohsner **SECONDED** this motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to Wednesday, July 9th, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.