

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
SENIOR COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
13909 EAST 14TH STREET**

Meeting convened at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT

Chair Woycheshin, Commissioners Anderson, Basuino, Comelo, Frates, McHenry, Tamura, and Secretary Atienza

ABSENT

Commissioners Daevu and Plankenhorn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JULY 21, 2016 MEETING

MSC (Anderson/Tamura) to approve the agenda as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2016 MEETING

MSC (Anderson/Frates) to approve the minutes as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

GUEST PRESENTATION

City Manager Chris Zapata presented information to the Commission surrounding new tax measures for the November 2016 ballot. These new revenue enhancement tax measures include the Cannabis Tax, Hotel Tax, and Business Tax. It was reported that San Leandro residents were polled by a hired consultant for projected voter support of the 3 measures with a response of: Cannabis Tax – 75%, Hotel Tax – 64%, and Business Tax – 64%. City Manager Zapata reported that these proposed revenue measures would generate ongoing revenue of \$1.5M - \$2M.

Lara Calvert and Aaron Wong, from Spectrum Community Services, presented information surrounding the new evidence-based fitness program, Enhance Fitness, which has replaced Fall Prevention. The presentation included information surrounding the history of the program, benefits for participants, current registration and waitlist numbers, and registration process. Positive feedback has been received from participants regarding the program. One hundred thirty-seven seniors are currently enrolled. Commissioner Comelo requested that Spectrum review their registration criteria and process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Ginny Madsen expressed her concern over senior housing evictions and homelessness. She mentioned that housing rental fees in San Leandro are too high, and that many seniors are being evicted from their homes due to not being able to afford rental fees. From her observations, senior evictions and homelessness has also increased senior depression cases. She encouraged the Senior Commission to speak to housing organizations and to individuals who may be able to improve this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioners reviewed a letter from resident Ginny Madsen regarding senior housing eviction and homelessness.

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

Secretary Atienza reported the following:

- Recapped the Senior Community Center's 5th Anniversary Celebration held on July 7. Approximately 153 people attended, and the event consisted of entertainment, art activities, senior testimonials, and refreshments.
- Announced that the Senior Community Center has increased Mercy Brown Bag registrations from 30 people to 43 people, and is continuing to accept applicants into the program.
- Explained that Senior Services is searching for a consultant to assist the Department in expanding current paratransit services.
- Provided updated information regarding the television at the Senior Community Center, including that, at this time, the television will not be placed back in the Activity Room, however, headphones will be provided for individuals to view live television on the computers in the computer lab. Barbara Jue, member of the public, stated that she does not feel that this solution will work, and the city staff need to re-think bringing the television back. She suggested bringing the television back in the interim while city staff re-think a resolution.
- Shared that the Alameda County's District Attorney's office was selected to receive an Elder Abuse Program grant, and that San Leandro will be part of their multidisciplinary team, along with other agencies, to further the county's response to elder and dependent abuse.
- Conveyed a brief overview of the Alameda County Plan for Older Adults 2016-2017, and encouraged Commissioners to review the plan. Secretary Atienza plans to invite a representative from the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging to an upcoming Commission meeting to explain the plan in more detail.

- Welcomed and introduced new Senior Commissioner Appointee, Claudia McHenry.
- Announced upcoming Travel Troupe trips, including an Oakland A's baseball game on August 24 and the Santa Cruz Follies on September 14, and upcoming Community Education Programs, including Age Well Drive Smart on August 12 and Aging in Place Forum on August 25.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Adult Day Care

- Commissioner Comelo shared that the Center for Elders Independence has finalized a lease for an adult day care facility at 1850 Fairway Drive in San Leandro. Recreation and Human Services Director Jeanette Dong announced that the facility will come with a health care clinic and shuttle services. In addition, Bay Area Community Services (BACS) also continues to search for a facility in San Leandro to purchase for adult day care.

B. Discussion Regarding the Senior Commission-Sponsored event "Dementia Forum"

- Secretary Atienza confirmed with the Commission that the event is scheduled at the Senior Community Center on Thursday, October 20, from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm, and will be advertised in the Department's Fall/Winter Activity Guide. Potential guest speakers include Comedian Mark Leal, Kati Knox from Purple Cities Alliance, a representative from the Center for Elders Independence, and Dr. Jay Sordean. The Commission discussed inviting no more than 5 panelists, and holding a format which includes a panel discussion, presentations, and questions and answers.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding Senior Commissioner Attendance at Alameda County Area Agency on Aging Meetings

- Secretary Atienza shared with the Commission that she will be attending Area Agency on Aging meetings, and Commissioners Anderson and Basuino also expressed interest in attending.

B. Discussion of Potential Cancellation of the August Senior Commission Meeting

- The Commission discussed and agreed to cancel the August Senior Commission meeting. MSC (Anderson/Basuino) to cancel the August 2016 Senior Commission meeting. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Woycheshin reported the following:

- Announced that the Senior Community Center is currently handing out free ice cream in celebration of National Ice Cream Day.
- Welcomed new Senior Commissioner, Claudia McHenry.
- Shared that the next San Leandro Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection event will be held at the George Mark Children's House.
- Provided information surrounding the Exploratorium project that will be unveiled in downtown San Leandro on August 3. The project is a large, interactive structure that is a musical instrument in which people can play musical notes on.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Tamura shared that she attends Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) meetings, and has had a good experience attending them. She stated that other cities have inquired about San Leandro's paratransit program and its unique fixed route set-up.
- Commissioner Comelo congratulated the Senior Commission for a job well done on continuing to support adult day care.
- Commissioner Frates welcomed new Commissioner Claudia McHenry, and suggested to place Senior Housing/Evictions as a topic of discussion at the September Senior Commission meeting. Jeanette Dong suggested Secretary Atienza invite Steve Hernandez, Housing Specialist from the Community Development Department, to the next Senior Commission meeting as well.
- Commissioner Basuino requested for all Commissioners to stay during the Commissioner comments section of future meetings, and to not depart early.
- Commissioner Anderson shared that he relates to many of the issues brought by the public to the Senior Commission, and feels that it is unfortunate that many of these issues cannot be resolved to satisfy all parties involved.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Anderson/Basuino) to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent)

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Diane Atienza