

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
SENIOR COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
13909 EAST 14TH STREET**

Meeting convened at 10:06 a.m.

PRESENT

Chair Woycheshin, Commissioners Comelo, Frates, McHenry, Plankenhorn, and Jeanette Dong, Recreation and Human Services Director; Jacqui Diaz, Interim Senior Supervisor acting as Secretary.

ABSENT

Commissioners Anderson, Daevu, Frates, and Tamura; Carl Basuino is no longer serving on the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 19, 2017 MEETING

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEETING

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Vic Gellon, Director of Business Development & Corporate Initiatives for the Center for Elders' Independence.

- Mr. Gellon presented an update regarding the building plans for the anticipated CEI Center being established in San Leandro in spring 2017. They are currently in the demolition phase.
- He thanked the City of San Leandro and the Senior Commission for their support in establishing this facility in San Leandro.
- MediCal and MediCare reimbursements provide 99% of the funding. The PACE program is free for seniors eligible for MediCal.
- The projected service is to serve seniors within one hour of bus transportation; attendance goal is to serve 90-120 seniors per day.
- Mr. Gellon presented a facility map with floorplan for the individual rooms for services and activities; it includes an outdoor courtyard for gardening and visiting; onsite nutrition for late breakfast and lunch service; rehab department; behavioral health department; quiet rooms; and potential spiritual-based room. Services offered include occupational therapy, medication compliance oversight, and integrated services from a Care Team if hospitalization becomes necessary. In addition to skilled in-home care, support such as rides to appointments and recreation at day centers is offered.
- Plan is to open the day care center and then include a future FQHC clinic on site which will be available to the community.
- Staffing will be with multi-lingual members and a variety of doctors, RNs, clinicians, etc.

- They will come back to present their outreach and marketing plan at a future Senior Commission meeting.
- The Commission recommended that they make a presentation to the City Council in the future and they will attend to encourage the Council's support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

Secretary Dong reported the following:

- Jacqui Diaz is temporarily filling in at the SCC during Diane's leave. However, Diane's family has transferred out of the area; she will keep the Commission updated as to future staffing for the position. She will be attending the Human Resources review committee this month. Diaz provided a brief overview of her background.
- Chair Woycheshin will attend the media event on January 24 to support the Traffic Safety Education Programs; all Commissioners are welcome to attend the event.
- It was clarified that Commissioner Basuino will no longer be serving on the Senior Commission, based on his communication with Director Dong and Secretary Diaz.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Update on the 2016 Thanksgiving Luncheon – Secretary Diaz provided an overview and noted that, for the first time, the MCC attendance was lower than in previous years. Staff will look into different marketing for 2017. Commissioner Comelo noted that the Tea and Talent event was cancelled due to low participation; it may be time to change up the holiday events. She expressed her desire that the events to be at maximum attendance.
- B. Movies and Lunches during the Holiday Closure – Secretary Diaz reported the participation numbers for lunches and two movies shown during the closure. All agreed the importance on continuing to provide lunches and events for seniors during the holidays, which can be a difficult time for some people.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REPORT OF CHAIR

- Chair Woycheshin suggested a Senior Moments speaker as a resource for the next year who addresses the "blues" during the holidays.
- She requested that cards be at the February Commission meeting for the Commissioners to sign and send to both Diane and to Carl to thank them for their time.
- She announced the Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Dinner occurring on January 26th at the MCC.
- She mentioned the concept of benches and walking along East 14th Street which had been discussed at the November meeting; perhaps the San Leandro Downtown

Improvement Association could be a resource for this. Commissioner McHenry mentioned there had been previous concerns about benches in the downtown where people may occupy a bench all day, preventing others from using them. Director Dong provided some context regarding the homeless population and work that is being done on this issue. A discussion ensued on the multifaceted issues around homelessness. It was agreed that there was a desire to encourage walking and promote healthy lifestyles for seniors.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner McHenry expressed her appreciation for the day care center coming to San Leandro.
- Commissioner Comelo stated that since this was the first meeting of a new year, perhaps it was time to find another worthy project to pursue. She suggested helping seniors who may be close to becoming homeless or evicted and making sure they have resources and information. She indicated that Hermy Almonte works in housing and is willing to assist with this issue.
- Commissioner Plankenhorn cited an article in San Leandro Next which addressed "What to Look for in 2017". Director Dong suggested that Chief Innovation Officer Debbie Acosta present at a future Senior Commission meeting. It was clarified that the commissioners may subscribe to the San Leandro Next emails and receive their newsletters regularly.
- Commissioner McHenry stated her concern for the topic of seniors being evicted and the need for proper language for landlords; this is a legislative issue regarding rent control; that it is important to strike a balance of housing and rents for seniors.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (McHenry/Comelo) to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent)

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Jacqui Diaz