

**SPECIAL MEETING COMMISSION AGENDA
2009.05.06.**



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009
3:00 p.m.**

**Roosevelt Community Center
901 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113**

(a) CALL TO ORDER

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Connie Langford.

Present: Connie Langford, Dick Kohl, Don Blankenship, Michael Davis, Galvin Jackson, Doreen Morgan, Martha O'Connell, Roger Lasson, Elisa Perez Lindley, Frances Jones, Larry Saltman, Patrick Hall, and Bob Gill

Emeritus: Marilou Cristina, Dr. Nancy Hikoyeda, Ron Schwartz

Absent: Bansi Tikku

Staff: Diane Lindberg and Judy Mitchem (Office on Aging), Meghan Revolinsky, Council Liaison, and Khoa Nguyen, Mayor's Aide

(b) INTRODUCTIONS

- (1) Guests:
 - Angel Rios, Deputy Director, PRNS
 - Dan Wax, Division Manager, PRNS
 - Tracey Gott, Office on Aging
 - Ms. Walker, Gerontology Supervisor for Older Adult Program/Senior Program
 - Julia Baugh, Senior Companion
 - Pete Silva, Southside Senior Center
 - Larry McCrary, Southside Center
 - Mary McCrary, Southside Center
 - Nancy Hikoyeda, Consultant
 - Georgia Campbell, Advisory Council, Northside Community Center
 - Jerry Clodius, Almaden Community Center
 - Beverly Temkin, Almaden Community Center
 - Gary Okazaki, PRNS Superintendent

June Wong, Metropolitan Adult Education
Sandra Dilling, Eastside Adult Education
Dan Greely, PRNS Supervisor at Westside Center
Ed Solis, Council District Five, PRNS
Yvonne Galaski, Almaden Center

(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

**ACTION: The Commission approved the orders of the day as submitted.
(Kohl/Lindley)**

(d) BUDGET STUDY SESSION

Angel Rios, Deputy Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) and Dan Wax, Division Manager, presented an overview of the City's proposed operating budget for 2009-2010. A power point presentation included facts on the Operating Budget Process, PRNS Budget Strategies, reduced dependence on the City's General Fund, Service Reductions/Efficiencies, Office on Aging staff reductions, Tier 1 and 2 Proposals, and the overall proposed changes affecting both general fund and employee positions. A handout of the presentation was distributed to all the commissioners.

Mr. Rios reiterated this is only a proposed budget. Tomorrow, May 7, at 9:45 a.m. PRNS will be presenting this budget proposal to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Rios made the Commission aware of a timeline of important dates to keep in mind on the budget process.

- May 7 – Neighborhood Services Budget Study Session
 - May 12 – Initial Public Hearing
 - June 5 – Mayor's June Budget Message
 - June 15 – Final Public Hearing
 - June 16 – Council Approval of Budget Message
 - June 23 – Council Adoption of 2009-2010 Budget
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Mr. Rios opened the floor for questions at the conclusion of his presentation. There were many concerns and questions about senior center closures, loss of nutrition programs, possible relocation of nutrition sites, staff reductions, status of Office on Aging, and the overall uncertainty of certain senior services. Commissioners offered their personal observations, critical analyses, opinions and suggestions.

Ms Revolinsky of Councilmember Pete Constant's office encouraged everyone to attend the corresponding town hall budget meetings in their respective council districts in order to obtain a broad overview of the budget from other perspectives and also share their opinions with council members.

Staff Lindberg will send Commissioners dates of these meetings.

(e) OPEN FORUM

Sandra Dilling with Eastside Adult Education stated their organization offers a wide variety of classes including GED, high school and ESL by many credentialed teachers. The Eastside Adult Education program is also experiencing 20% in cuts and it is painful. Eastside Adult Education has been in partnership with the City of San José over 20 years and would very much like to continue working with the City in moving forward for a workable solution that will keep our partnership alive. Thank you.

Chair Langford stated the Commission needs to discuss the presentation just received and formulate a plan of action. The Chair mentioned that years ago when faced with a similar situation, the Commission developed talking points so everyone from the Commission who spoke on the issues shared the same message.

Several Commissioners made suggestions including encouraging communicating information to their respective senior centers and obtaining hard data/facts of statistics of participants in services in order to send this forth to the City Council. Staff Lindberg explained the current statistics/unduplicated count currently maintained by the centers.

Chair Langford proposed forming an Ad Hoc Committee to form strategic talking points to bring before the City Council. Chair Langford asked for interested participants from the Commissioners. Commissioners Lasson, Jones, Blankenship, Jackson, Morgan and Davis volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Langford asked for the meeting to take place as soon as possible. Date was set for Tuesday, May 12 at 2 p.m. at the Office on Aging, Wine Tasting Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

(f) NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2009 – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
At City Hall Wing - Room 120
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

(s) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Langford adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by Judy Mitchem, staff