

COMMISSION AGENDA



**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

***DRAFT MINUTES***

**Thursday, September 10, 2009  
1:30 p.m.**

**City of San José – Wing Room 120  
200 E. Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113**

**(a) CALL TO ORDER**

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- (1) The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jones.

Present: Connie Langford, Don Blankenship, Michael Davis, Roger Lasson, Elisa Lindley-Perez, Frances Jones, Martha O’Connell, Larry Saltman, Patrick Hall, Rene Lovato and Bob Gill (arrived late @ 1:55pm)

Absent:

Emeritus: Doreen Morgan and Ron Schwartz

Staff: Diane Lindberg (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Meghan Revolinsky, Council Liaison, Khoa Nguyen, Mayor’s Office

**(b) INTRODUCTIONS**

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- (1) Guests:
  - Galvin Jackson, Evergreen Advisory Council
  - Tom Petersen, Volunteer Pastor , applied to Senior Commission
  - Dan Wax, Division Manager, PRNS
  - Dennis Hawkins, Assistant City Clerk

**(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

**Time Certain**

<b>1:40</b>	<b>Item (h)</b>	<b>Mayor’s Liaison Report</b>
<b>1:50</b>	<b>Item (i)</b>	<b>Council Liaison Report</b>

**2:00 Item (1)(3) Municipal Code 2.08.60**

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**ACTION: The Commission approved the August 13, 2009 Minutes as written (Lasson/Hall).**

Correction of name for Commissioner to: Elisa Lindley-Perez

**(e) CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence binder circulated at table.

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**(f) OPEN FORUM**

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Tom Petersen commented on a major issue with the elderly that are homebound. Inquired about visitation ministry.

Staff Lindberg will provide him with contacts for Senior Companion Program & Friendly Visitors Program.

Commissioner O'Connell requested a future meeting agenda item for discussion: 25% increase by VTA of fees for seniors & disabled.

**(g) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Jones)**

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Chair Frances Jones reported that at the monthly meeting with Councilmember Pete Constant they discussed the non-re-appointment of Galvin Jackson to the Senior Commission.

**(h) MAYOR'S OFFICE LIAISON REPORT (Nguyen)**

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Mayor's PSA Announcement: October 2, 2009 – Domestic Violence Walk;

Mayor interacts with the faith community to reach out and provide services to seniors;

Mayor reports that more budget cuts are on the way from State; refer to [sjmayor.org](http://sjmayor.org) to sign up for online newsletter.

**(i) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Constant)**

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Councilmember Pete Constant has monthly office hours – for anyone to drop in and discuss issues. October 8, 2009 – Disability Awareness Event @ City Hall. Flyer on National Pollution Prevention Week distributed.

**(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**(1) Health & Safety Committee Report**

- (a) Motion passed to approve the adoption of 2009-2010 Objectives (Saltman/O'Connell).

**(2) Housing & Human Services Committee Report**

- (a) Motion passed to approve the adoption of 2009-2010 Objectives (O'Connell/Saltman).

**(3) CreaTV Ad Hoc Committee Report**

- (a) Reported that Committee approached community Centers to raise funds for project; grant for \$3,000 received and first show target date is November.

**(k) OLD BUSINESS**

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Staff Lindberg distributed (at table) Out to Lunch Bunch for 2009-2010; reviewed the purpose and process.

**(l) NEW BUSINESS**

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**(1) Discussion and Action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council proposing an amendment to the ban on plastic bags and paper bag fees and to further consider the Elderly Economic Security Standard Index in addition to the WIC and food stamp exemptions.**

**ACTION: A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that no fee be placed on paper bags. Additionally, any exemption, such as that for WIC and food stamp customers, should be amended to include low income senior residents pursuant to the income guidelines set by the Elderly Economic Security Standard Index. (O'Connell/Langford).**

**(2) Discussion and Action for the Senior Commission to write a letter recommend and that Galvin Jackson be appointed to the Senior Commission.**

**ACTION: A Motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending Galvin Jackson to the Senior Commission. (Hall/O'Connell) (Abstain: Langford/Lasson/Lindley Perez)**

**(3) Discussion and Action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending a revision to the Municipal Code (2.08.60) to include Jury Duty as an excusable absence for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees.**

**ACTION: A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending a revision to Municipal Code (2.08.60) to include Jury Duty as an excusable absence for City Boards, Commissions, and Committees (Davis/Blankenship).**

**(4) Review and Adoption of the Senior Commission 2009-10 Goals and Objectives**

**ACTION: Adoption of the Senior Commission 2009-10 Goals and Objectives (Lasson/Langford).**

**(5) Meeting Date Schedule for Senior Commission and Sub-Committees – informational / mailed in packet.**

**NO ACTION:** informational only

**(6) Senior Commission Liaison Assignments Schedule – informational/ mailed in packet**

**NO ACTION:** informational only

**(7) Discussion and Action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending written criteria to be developed for re-appointments to all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with an appeal process added.**

**ACTION:** A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending written criteria be developed for re-appointment to all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with an appeal process (O'Connell/Hall).

**(8) Discussion and Action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council that they continue to support the vacancy control section of the Mobilehome Rent Control Ordinance.**

**ACTION:** A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that they continue to support the vacancy control section of the Mobilehome Rent Control Ordinance (O'Connell/Blankenship).

**(9) Discussion and Action that the Senior Commission join with City Council in supporting their opposition to AB 761.**

**ACTION:** A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council supporting the City Council's action to support the opposition of AB 761 (O'Connell/Blankenship).

**(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT**

Staff Lindberg reported updates on facility renovations and gerontology vacancies; provided information on several new partnerships including Heath Mobile and VTA Mobility Options for

seniors; update on the re-organization of PRNS and provided an update on the PRNS re-use sites/senior meal programs.

**(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**(1) California Senior Legislature – July/August Reports mailed in packet**

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**(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

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**(1) Updates on Senior Centers/Programs:**

Alma Senior Center (Blankenship) – needs to have air vents cleaned, water filters changed  
Almaden Community Center (vacant) – not represented  
Berryessa Community Center (Lindley-Perez) – fully staffed, reported on activities  
Cypress Senior Center (Blankenship) – moved back into facility after renovation  
Evergreen Community Center (Lovato) – no report  
Gardner Community Center (Lasson) – no action items to report  
Hank Lopez Community Center (Saltman) – no meeting  
Iola Williams Senior Center (Jones) – waiting for new facility to open next summer  
Kirk Community Center (Davis) – no action items to report  
Northside Community Center (Gill) – no report  
Southside Community and Senior Center (Lasson) – no action items to report  
St. James Senior Center (Langford) – no meeting  
John XXIII (O’Connell) – parking sub-committee formed  
Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) – reported on annual audit  
RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) – orientation book complete and passed around for review, RSVP gift program in place of luncheon  
Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program (Saltman) – luncheon on Sept 25, everyone from Commission invited, silent auction fundraiser

**(2) Agency/Other Commission Liaison Reports:**

Human Rights Commission (Langford/O’Connell) – no action items reported  
Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) – no action items reported  
Committee for Transit Accessibility (Langford/Saltman) – pilot program for safety barrier to be installed due to recent fatal accidents from visually impaired individuals  
Council on Aging Advisory Council (Langford) – new website: COASiliconValley.com  
County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) – no report  
Disability Advisory Commission (Gill) – no report  
Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Lasson) – no report, next meeting Sept 15 regarding flu pandemic  
Family Domestic Violence Task Force (City of San Jose) (Lindley-Perez) – no report, meeting cancelled

Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDAC) (Davis) –5 year planning cycle in review

Parks and Recreation Commission (Jones) – no action items reported

Greenprint Strategic Plan (Langford) – upcoming public meeting dates

IRA Ruskin’s Senior Advisory Committee (Lasson) – no report

Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O’Connell) – discussed issue around who will pay the costs for infrastructure repairs as sewers, electrical, etc. fail due to age

**(p) REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS/PARKING LOT ITEMS (Brewka)**

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(1) Action Items:

- ✓ **ACTION: A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending an amendment be added to the proposed fees for the bags (O’Connell/Langford).**
- ✓ **ACTION: A Motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending Galvin Jackson to the Senior Commission (Hall/O’Connell) (Abstain: Langford/Lasson/Lindley-Perez).**
- ✓ **ACTION: A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending a revision to Municipal Code (2.08.60) to include Jury Duty as an excusable absence for City Boards, Commissions , and Committees (Davis/Blankenship).**
- ✓ **ACTION: Adoption of the Senior Commission 2009-10 Goals and Objectives (Lasson/Langford).**
- ✓ **ACTION: A motion was made for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending written criteria be developed for re-appointment to all Boards, Commissions, and Committees with an appeal process (O’Connell/Hall).**

(2) Parking Lot Items:

VTA Fare increase: Referred to Health and Safety subcommittee ( O’Connell)

**(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Staff Lindberg**

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Saturday , November 14, 2009 – Caregivers Count Conference sponsored by the Aging Services Collaborative

**(r) NEXT MEETING**

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**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission  
Thursday, October 8, 2009 1:30pm-4:30pm  
T-550 City Hall (Please Note Change in location)**

**(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 4:14pm by Chair Jones**

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(Lasson/ Lindley-Perez)

Submitted by Linda Brewka, staff