

COMMISSION AGENDA



**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

***DRAFT MINUTES***

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

**City of San José – W- Room W120  
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 Perez-Lindley.

Present: Connie Langford, Don Blankenship, Roger Lasson, Elisa Perez-Lindley, Frances Jones, Martha O’Connell, Larry Saltman, Patrick Hall, Bob Gill, and Rene Lovato

Absent:

Emeritus: Doreen Morgan, Richard Kohl, Nancy Hikoyeda, Marilou Cristina

Staff: Dr. Lisa Blevins (Therapeutic & Aging Services), Diane Lindberg (Office on Aging), Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Khoa Nguyen (Mayor’s Office)

**(b) INTRODUCTIONS**

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- (1) Guests:
  - Marie Hayter – Newly appointed Senior Commissioner – soon to be sworn in as active

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

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**ACTION: The Commission approved the orders of the day as written (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>

**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**ACTION:** The Commission approved the November 12, 2009 Minutes – with the following correction: Change of location of the HS&S Meeting from T747 to Tower Room 1654. (Langford/Lasson).

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

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**(f) OPEN FORUM**

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None

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

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No Report

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

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- (1) December 17, 2009 – City of San Jose Budget Workshop; Mayor encourages seniors to attend to represent and vocalize their needs in the communities served
- (2) February 18, 2009 – Annual Mayor's Breakfast - 7:30am @ San Jose Convention Center - Theme: 'Building Foundations of the Future'. More information: SJMayor.org

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

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No report

**(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- (a) Working meeting/ no quorum; R.Lasson will chair next meeting

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

**(a) ACTION:** The senior commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council recommending they adopt a policy allowing Senior Commissioners to attend subcommittee or commission meetings via conference phone call (if the IT equipment is available in the meeting rooms) and that conference calling count towards fulfilling the attendance policy and quorum requirements.

(M/S/C) Hall/Blankenship

**(b) ACTION:** The senior commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council to request that the City televise those commission meetings held at City Hall on a rotating basis, one rotating Commission per month on Comcast Channel 26, the City's Public Access channel when costs allow.

(M/S/C) Blankenship/Lovato

**(k) OLD BUSINESS**

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- (1) Budget update 2009-10 – no report
- (2) Budget update 2010-11 – no report

**(l) NEW BUSINESS**

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- (1) Discussion and possible action on the City’s policy of exempting affordable housing from payment of Parkland Dedication/Park Impact Fees, potential option number six: “Exempt certain types of affordable units like senior and special needs.”

**ACTION:** Recommended for this item to go to committee for thorough study; Deferred to Housing and Human Services for study.

**(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT**

Staff Gott gave the following updates:

- 1). Senior Nutrition Program open during furlough (closed holidays)
- 2). St. James Center will be hosting Christmas Dinner (3 seatings) approx. 600
- 3).Senior Companion Program has been featured in the 2009 San Jose Mercury Wishbook

**(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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- (1) **California Senior Legislature – No Report for December per Bob Jaffee**

**(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

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

- Alma Senior Center (Blankenship) No report
- Almaden Community Center (Saltman) No report
- Berryessa Community Center (Perez-Lindley) No report
- Cypress Senior Center (Blankenship) Expanded parking lot
- Evergreen Community Center (Lovato) No report
- Gardner Community Center (Lasson) No report
- Hank Lopez Community Center (Saltman) No meeting/no report
- Iola Williams Senior Center (Jones) No report
- Kirk Community Center (vacant) No report
- Northside Community Center (Gill) No report
- Southside Community and Senior Center (Lasson) No report
- St. James Senior Center (Langford) Working on transportation issues to Roosevelt Center W/ Councilmember Liccardo
- John XXIII (O’Connell) volunteering @ center to help bridge cutbacks

Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) Kitchen open & serving meals  
RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) no report  
Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program – Wishbook request – Caregiver for Companion

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

Human Rights Commission (Langford/O’Connell) The Health and Safety Committee will also be reviewing the need for more Alzheimer’s/Dementia sensitivity training for PRNS staff, key volunteers and the San Jose Police Department.

Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) No meeting

Committee for Transit Accessibility (Langford/Saltman) No meeting

Council on Aging Advisory Council (Langford) No report

County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) No report

CreaTV (Blankenship) – Show production underway

Disability Advisory Commission (Gill) No report

Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Lasson) No report/ no meeting

Family Domestic Violence Task Force (City of San Jose) (Perez-Lindley) No report

Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDAC) (Lovato) No report

Parks and Recreation Commission (Jones) Is gathering information for future meeting on senior’s provisions when developing neighborhood parks

IRA Ruskin’s Senior Advisory Committee (Lasson) No report

Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O’Connell) No report

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

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**Action Items:**

- 1) The senior commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council recommending they adopt a policy allowing Senior Commissioners to attend subcommittee or commission meetings via conference phone call (if the IT equipment is available in the meeting rooms) and that conference calling count towards fulfilling the attendance policy and quorum requirements.
- 2) The senior commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council to request that the City televise those commission meetings held at City Hall on a rotating basis, one rotating Commission per month on Comcast Channel 26, the City’s Public Access channel when costs allow.
- 3) The discussion and possible action on the City’s Policy of exempting affordable housing from payment of Parkland Dedication/Park Impact Fees, potential option number six: “Exempt certain types of affordable units like senior and special needs.” (Melissa Whatley letter of 8/07/09) – This issue was sent to the Housing and Human Services Committee
- 4) Issues concerning light rail/VTA safety policy and procedures were addressed and sent to the Health and Safety Committee for further study.

- 5) The Health and Safety Committee will also be reviewing the need for more Alzheimer's/Dementia sensitivity training for PRNS staff, key volunteers and the San Jose Police Department.

**Parking Lot Items:**

None

(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Jones

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none

**(r) NEXT MEETING**

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**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission  
Thursday, January 14, 2010 1:30pm-4:30pm  
San Jose City Hall Committee Room: W-120**

**Executive Committee  
Tuesday, December 21, 2009 10am-11am  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-133**

**Housing and Human Services Subcommittee  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010 10:30am-12:00pm  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-550**

**Health and Safety Subcommittee  
Wednesday, January 27, 2010 2:00pm-3:30pm  
Office On Aging, Almaden Winery  
5730 Chambertin Drive  
San Jose, CA 95118**

**(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 3:25pm by Chair Jones**

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Submitted by Linda Brewka, Staff

12.10.09