



<b>SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION</b>
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<i><b>DRAFT MINUTES</b></i>
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**Thursday, February 11, 2010  
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 1:31 p.m.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hayter.

Present: Frances Jones, Larry Saltman, Connie Langford, Don Blankenship, Roger Lasson, Martha O’Connell, Patrick Hall, Bob Gill, Rene Lovato, Milton Cadena, Marie Hayter, Joyce Raboutn, Nancy Williamson and Chaitanya Vaidya

Absent: Elisa Perez-Lindley

Emeritus: Doreen Morgan, Richard Kohl

Staff: Dr. Lisa Blevins (Therapeutic & Aging Services), Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Meghan Revolinsky (CM Constant’s Office)

**(b) INTRODUCTIONS**

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- (1) Guests:
  - Margaret Berry – Iola Williams Senior Center
  - Dan Wax – PRNS Division Manager

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

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

**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>

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**(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**ACTION: The Commission approved the January 14, 2010 minutes as written (Hall/Blankenship).**

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

**(f) OPEN FORUM**

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Commissioner Milton Cadena – proposed to update the Senior Commission Reports to include trends and activities of non-listed Senior Centers –( to add East Side Senior Center for example.)

**(g) CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (Jones)**

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\*CM Constant recommends that all Liaisons go back to their prospective senior centers and emphasize the importance of the Census. It will affect senior services. Think about bringing the message to your religious centers too. This will help get an accurate count of seniors in the community.

\*Each Commissioner Liaison should also talk about the budget to their senior centers- priorities of caring for citizens over art programs and family camp programs. If something needs to be reduced – emphasize the specific senior service areas needed for survival of seniors in the community.

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

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No Report/ Not present

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

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\*Keep focus on budget; CM Constant has a schedule of budget meetings

\*CM Constant is willing to attend newly formed Ad-Hoc Committee for budget

\*CM Constant stresses the importance of the Census; accurate counts are important to maintain funding for senior programs and services. He urges seniors to be proactive and pass on the message while performing Senior Commission duties

**(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Chair Lasson reported meeting held & much was accomplished – refocus on priorities for subcommittee. Minutes from January 27, 2010 meeting was distributed @ table

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

Chair O’Connell reported that subcommittee had a speaker from Yu-Ai-Kai to make presentation and distributed materials and informational brochures regarding the program and its’ history and service to the Asian Senior Community.

**(3) Ad-Hoc Budget Committee Report:**

Chair Langford distributed minutes from 2.27.2010 meeting @ table. At the meeting it was determined that the top priority/objective of this committee should be: Saving the nutrition program for the seniors in the community. Nutrition and Transportation will be top concerns for this committee.

**ACTION: The Commission will write a letter to Mayor and City Council urging them to preserve the Senior nutrition Program by moving the current nutrition funding of \$378,00.00 from the General Fund to the HNVF fund to protect the existing funds and possibly acquire additional funding that is needed to save the programs from the cut proposed in the upcoming budget shortfalls.  
(Langford/Lasson)**

**(k) OLD BUSINESS**

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(1) Budget update 2009-10 – no report

(2) Budget update 2010-11 – \$100 million dollar deficit; Dr. Lisa Blevins reported that PRNS is looking at \$16.6 million dollars in cuts to meet budget shortfall; specifically \$6-\$8 million dollars must be cut from programs such as : gang prevention, community centers, nutrition programs in City of San Jose, Afterschool programs for youth and homework centers.

(3) Review and possible action on report from the City Clerk’s Office on the Structural Improvement/Framework Plan to City Boards, Commissions and Committees.

**ACTION: No news/or report released. Item tabled until next meeting O’Connell**

**(l) NEW BUSINESS**

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(1) Discussion and possible action on AB 761 Calderon – vacancy decontrol for all California’s mobile home rent control laws.

*‘Coalition for Economic Survival’* (mailed in packet)

**ACTION: The Commission to write a letter urging the Mayor and Council to oppose AB 761 – Calderon. This Assembly Bill will impose a serious impact on Seniors and affordable housing in the City of San Jose. (Langford/O’Connell)**

(2) Discussion that the Senior Commission support Option 2 – “no Change: continue exemption for affordable housing”; referred by HH&S Subcommittee. (O’Connell)

**ACTION: The Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council :’to support option #2 – no change: continue exemption for affordable housing’.  
(O’Connell/Langford).**

**(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT**

Staff Gott gave the following updates:

- 1). Senior Commission Binder needs updating; next meeting (March 11, 2010) each Commissioner should bring their binder to receive updated information.
- 2). Training on Sunshine and BrownAct ordinances is in progress for Commissioners with the City Clerks Office. More details to follow when staff is scheduled.

**(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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- (1) California Senior Legislature – February 2010 report mailed in packet
- (2) Langford reminded the commissioners of the following: to support CSL when completing your California State Income Taxes for 2009 – form 540

**(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

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

- Alma Senior Center (Blankenship) Actively lobbying to save their center  
Almaden Community Center (Saltman) February 19<sup>th</sup> – Walk for Seniors/ CM Pyle  
Berryessa Community Center (Perez-Lindley) No report / not present  
Cypress Senior Center (Blankenship) No meeting  
Evergreen Community Center (Lovato) Lasson @ meeting  
Gardner Community Center (Lasson) No meeting  
Hank Lopez Community Center (Saltman) No meeting  
Iola Williams Senior Center (Jones) Preparing for Black History Month Program  
Kirk Community Center (Rabourn) program located at Camden Center  
Northside Community Center (Gill) No meeting; problem with cutting or reducing VTA Busline #11- hours of service  
Southside Community and Senior Center (Hayter) No report  
St. James Senior Center (Langford) Concerned about losing program when moving to Roosevelt Center; Plus transportation issues are not resolved for getting seniors to Roosevelt and their ability to participate in the nutrition program may be affected by lack of transportation  
John XXIII (O’Connell) Recommends that Center to have translation service @ meetings since majority of attendees speak Vietnamese or languages other than English.  
Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) Established By-Laws Committee  
RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) Meeting is next week; Saltman giving up position as Liaison to Commissioner Hall.  
Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program (Saltman)- Discussed Wishbook – which the Senior Companion Program has been identified as a recipient for this years awards.

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

- Human Rights Commission (Langford/O’Connell) O’Connell reported out that HRC had a guest speaker @ the last meeting - Falun Gong- who was a persecuted minority from her country ; which bring awareness to the global issue of senior abuse, persecution and suffering.  
Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) No meeting / no report  
Committee for Transit Accessibility (Langford/Saltman) No Meeting; next meeting:

April 7, 2010; email concerns or topics to Commissioner Saltman before next meeting.  
Council on Aging Advisory Council (Langford) Universal Health care legislation introduced in CA

County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) No report

CreaTV (Blankenship) – First show – Alma interview with Dan Wax to be aired

Disability Advisory Commission (Gill) No meeting; no report

Disaster Preparedness Task Force (Cadena) No report

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) no report

IRA Ruskin's Senior Advisory Committee (Lasson) No meeting

Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O'Connell) No report

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

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**Action Items:**

- 1) Reminder from the chairperson, Frances Jones to emphasize the importance of participating in the census when acting as a liaison to the senior centers as funding is based on actual count of people reported.
- 2) Ad-Hoc Budget Committee – Senior Commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council to preserve the Senior Nutrition Programs run by the City of San Jose by requesting that the funding for nutrition be taken from the HNVF funds rather than the City's general fund.
- 3) Senior Commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council urging them to oppose AB761 Calderon – vacancy decontrol for all of California's mobile home rent control laws as this could negatively impact affordable housing for seniors in San Jose.
- 4) Senior Commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council to support option #2 – continue exemption for affordable housing – from the Parks and Affordable Housing Exemption Policy.

**Parking Lot Items:**

None

**(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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\*Senior Volunteer Resource Fair – hosted by RSVP – April 16, 2010 @ City Hall Rotunda, Chambers and Committee Rooms - Informational Flyer to follow

\*Rally @ Santa Clara County Building – for same sex marriage from 10-12 Friday, January 15, 2010

\*April 24, 2010 – Senior BBQ – find out issues that impact seniors; tickets @ next SC meeting - \$15.00/each

**(r) NEXT MEETING**

**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission**

Thursday, March 11, 2010 1:30pm-4:30pm  
San Jose City Hall Committee Room: W-120

**Executive Committee (to set March 11, 2010 Agenda)**

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 10am-11am  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-133

**Housing and Human Services Subcommittee**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 10:30am-12:00pm  
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-747

**Health and Safety Subcommittee**

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 2:00pm-3:30pm  
Office On Aging, Alampen Winery  
5730 Chambertin Drive San Jose, CA 95118

**(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 3:20pm by Chair Jones**

Submitted by Linda Brewka, Staff

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