



SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

**Thursday, June 10, 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

- (1) The meeting was called to order at 1:33 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, Elisa Perez-Lindley, Marie Hayter, Joyce Rabourn, Nancy Williamson, and Chaitanya Vaidya.

Absent: Milton Cadena

Emeritus: Doreen Morgan

Staff: Dr. Lisa Blevins (Therapeutic Services), Tracey Gott (Office on Aging), Linda Brewka (Office on Aging), Council Liaison, Meghan Revolinsky, Khoa Nguyen, Mayor's Office.

(b) INTRODUCTIONS

Guests:

- Dwight Collins – Santa Clara Senior Advisory Commission
- Dan Wax - PRNS Division Manager
- Dennis Hawkins – Assistant City Clerk

(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

ACTION: The Commission approved the orders of the day with the following change: Move Agenda items: K2, L3, & L5 to just after 'i' on the Agenda so that Dennis Hawkins from the City Clerk's office could present information related to these items. (O'Connell/Hall).

Time Certain

1:40	Item (h)	Mayor's Liaison Report
1:50	Item (i)	Council Liaison Report

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: The Commission approved the May 13, 2010 Senior Commission Minutes as written (Hall/Lasson).

(e) CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence binder circulated at table.

(f) OPEN FORUM

none

(g) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Jones)

- 1). Announcement of returning and new Senior Commissioners:
Returning Commissioners: Bob Gill, Larry Saltman, Roger Lasson
New Commissioner Appointments: Ken Kelly, Richard McCoy

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

(i) COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Constant)

- 1) CM is still developing the Nutrition Program Task Force
- 2) SOS.com Website designed for Seniors to use to receive the latest budget information and a way to communicate with Mayor and Council is related issues.

(j) COMMITTEE REPORTS

(1) Health & Safety Committee Report

- (a). Minutes from May 26, 2010 distributed at-table.
- (b). No Sub-committee meeting scheduled for June 2010 or July 2010.
- (c). End of Year Committee Report distributed at-table.

(2) Housing & Human Services Committee Report

- (a). Minutes from May 26, 2010 distributed at-table.
- (b). No Sub-committee meeting scheduled for June 2010 and July 2010.
- (c). End of Year Committee Report distributed at-table.

(k) OLD BUSINESS

(1) Budget update 2010-11 – June 15, 2010 will be the review and vote on final Budget. Direct impact will take a couple of weeks to see how it affects Senior Services.

(2) Review and possible action on report from City Clerk's office Structural Improvement/Framework Plan to City Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Dennis Hawkins reported that the Draft is still not complete, but City Clerk's Office will provide a working copy to all commissions to provide input prior to implementing the findings and recommendations in the report.

(l) NEW BUSINESS

(1) Discussion and possible recommendation to Mayor and City Council on the stand alone senior center vs. community centers and senior centers combined in one facility.

Blankenship

Will the Senior Commission endorse the idea of separate centers for seniors and the community?

What logistical issues are involved with mixing the community programs (including young children activities and youth programs) @ the same site with seniors and their activities?

ACTION: This topic will be discussed a the August Senior Commission Retreat

(2) Discussion and possible recommendation to Mayor and City Council on the potential impact of plastic and paper bag fees which now have increased from .05 to .25 cents.

O'Connell

ACTION: No motion made. Senior Commission is already on record of opposing the proposed fees.

(3) Discussion and possible action to Mayor and City Council on the proposed reduction of meetings for the Senior Commission.

O'Connell

(a). Manager Budget Addenda RE: Boards and Commissions Document (MBA#16) distributed at-table. Impact to Senior Commission is the proposal is reducing the frequency of Senior Commission meetings from monthly to quarterly.

ACTION: Senior Commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting that the senior commission be exempt from any changes due to the timeliness and sensitivity of issues concerning senior's welfare. If the Senior Commission must reduce the number of meetings, they would request to continue to be able to hold the sub-committee meetings on a monthly basis and have the provision to call an emergency Senior Commission meeting if there was a need.

(4). Presentation on Senior Activity Card proposal

Dan Wax
Cory Hunt

PowerPoint presentation on implementation of the Senior Activity Card

(5). Vote for Chair, Vice Chair and Emeritus Status for Senior Commission

Jones

Chair:

ACTION: Frances Jones, running unopposed, to perform duties of Chairperson of Senior Commission for another term. (M: Lasson/ S: Langford)

Vice Chair :

ACTION: Martha O'Connell was voted by a majority of the Senior Commissioners to serve as Vice-Chair of the Senior Commission.

Emeritus Status:

ACTION: If the City Charter accepts the recommendation to allow Emeritus position within the Senior Commission, Connie Langford is nominated as Emeritus.

(6). Appointment of August Retreat Planning Committee

Jones

ACTION: Chair Jones appointed : Larry Saltman, Nancy Williamson, Elisa Perez-Lindley to work on the planning and the preparation for the Senior Commission August Retreat.

(m) OFFICE ON AGING REPORT

OOA is waiting on budget news to see where the staff will relocate to. More information to follow as the details are released to staff.

(n) LEGISLATIVE REPORT

(1) **California Senior Legislature – June 2010 report is mailed in packet.**

(o) COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

Since the June 10th Senior Commission Agenda had several items to discuss and in the interest of saving time, Commissioners provided written report out information to Staff prior to Senior Commission Meeting. The summary document was available at- table and the details listed below are extracted from the at-table document.

(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) No report

Eastside Senior Center – (Cadena) Temp. @ Hank Lopez. All programs on track, except Bingo – waiting for permits. Reception staff will be provided by CalWorks (paid by SCCWorks program)

Evergreen Community Center (Lovato) No report

Gardner Community Center (Lasson) Center closing. Seeking information on transportation options to other centers.

Iola Williams Senior Center (Jones) No report

Kirk Community Center (Rabourn). Nutrition program running well. CM Chirco hosts her Annual BBQ – June 11, 2010.

Mayfair Community Center No report

Northside Community Center (Gill) No meeting. No report

Roosevelt Community Center (Langford) No report

Southside Community and Senior Center (Hayter) No report

John XXIII (O’Connell) Has the ability to provide vegetarian meals

Willow Glen Community and Senior Center (Hall) Advisory Council will not meet until October 2010.

RSVP Advisory Group (Saltman) No meeting

Senior Companion/Older Adult Resource Program (Saltman/Williamson) No report.

(2) Agency/Other Commission Liaison Reports:

Human Rights Commission (Langford/O’Connell) Meeting Cancelled

Aging Services Collaborative (Lasson) No meeting. No report
Committee for Transit Accessibility (Langford/Saltman) No meeting
Council on Aging Advisory Council (Langford) Meeting June 7, 2010. No meeting in July and next meeting on August 30, 2010
County Senior Care Commission (Lovato) No report
CreaTV (Blankenship) June feature: Connie Langford & Pete Constant 'Seniors in Action'. June will be the last show due to lack of budget. (this liaison report will be deleted from future agendas and minutes).
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) Police staff received training on diversity assisting with language barriers etc when dealing with the public.
Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (HCDAC) (Rabourn) Home Foreclosures remain high in SC County. 2nd Neighborhood Stabilization Program is underway, funded by the HUD
Parks and Recreation Commission (Jones) No report
IRA Ruskin's Senior Advisory Committee (Lasson) No report
Mobile Home Advisory Commission (O'Connell) Meeting later in the month.

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

Action Items:

- 1) Orders of the day were changed to move agenda items K2, L3 & L5 so that Dennis Hawkins from the City Clerk's Office could present information related to these items.
- 2) Review and possible action on report from the City Clerk's Office on the Structural Improvement/Framework Plan to the City's Boards and Commissions – report has not been completed but Dennis Hawkins stated that the commissions will have 30 days for review prior to the report being presented to the rules committee
- 3) Discussion and possible action to Mayor and City Council on the proposed reduction of meetings for the Senior Commission – Senior Commission will send a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting that the senior commission be exempt from any changes due to the timeliness and sensitivity of issues concerning senior's welfare. If the Senior Commission must reduce the number of meetings, they would request to continue to be able to hold the sub-committee meetings on a monthly basis and have the provision to call an emergency Senior Commission meeting if there was a need. **Langford will draft the letter.**

- 4) Emeritus Status of Commissioners – Commissioner O’Connell moved that the Senior Commission establish a Standing Committee of former Commissioners. That Committee is to be composed of Connie Langford, Doreen Morgan, Richard Kohl, Don Blankenship, Ron Schwartz, Marilou Cristina, and Dr.Nancy Hikoyeda. Other Commissioners may be added at a later time. Composition of the committee to be reviewed annually to ensure that those former Commissioners who have been so appointed remain active. Active status shall mean attendance of at least two committee meetings and two senior commission meetings in the past year. Moved by O’Connell/seconded by Langford and unanimous approval from commission. Dennis Hawkins from the City Clerk’s Office was present and stated that this committee does not violate any of the City’s code and fits within the rights of the commission.
- 5) Discussion and possible recommendation to Mayor and City Council on the stand alone Senior Center vs. Community Center – this issue will be studied at the retreat in August.
- 6) No action on the discussion and possible recommendation to Mayor and City Council o the potential impact of plastic and paper bag fees as the Senior Commission has already submitted correspondence to the Mayor and City Council stating their opposition to the fees.
- 7) Vote for Chair and Vice Chair – Frances Jones will remain as chair, Martha O’Connell is the new Vice Chair
- 8) August Retreat Planning Committee – Frances, Larry, Nancy, Elisa.
- 9) August Retreat will be on Thursday, August 12 from 9am to 4pm (time is tentative, please reserve all day) at City Hall, Committee Room W-120. The room is reserved and confirmed.

Parking Lot Items:

None

(q) ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Jones

(r) NEXT MEETING

**San Jose Senior Citizens Commission – August Retreat
Thursday, August 12, 2010 9:00am- 4:00pm
San Jose City Hall Committee Room: W-120**

**Executive Committee (to set September 9, 2010 Agenda)
Tuesday, August 24, 2010 10am-11am
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-133**

Housing and Human Services Subcommittee
***Wednesday, August 25, 2010 10:30am-12:00pm**
San Jose City Hall Tower Room T-747
*(*denotes tentative date pending Committee approval)*

Health and Safety Subcommittee
***Wednesday, August 25, 2010 2:00pm-3:30pm**
**** City Hall, T-747**
*(*denotes tentative date pending Committee approval)*
***denotes change in meeting location)*

(s) ADJOURNMENT @ 4:20pm by Chair Jones

Submitted by Linda Brewka, Staff