

District 1 - Vacant
District 3 - Gina Gates-Lopez, Chair
District 5 - Obdulia Corona
District 7 - Fane Williams
District 9 - Vacant
Citywide - May Miller

Kohli Singh - District 2
Vice Chair, Lilia Hancock - District 4
Giovanna Erkanat - District 6
Ruthie Medina - District 8
Donna Tran - District 10

MINUTES
February 14, 2024
Kirk Community Center – Room 7

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

- A. Meeting called to order
- B. Commissioner Corona and Commissioner Williams absent
- C. Commissioner Miller left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Minutes and Attendance Report of December 14, 2023, and January 11, 2024
- B. Receive and File Correspondence to Commission

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Giovanna Erkanat, seconded by Commissioner May Miller, minutes and attendance for December 14, 2023, and January 11, 2024, were approved. (7,0,2) Absent: Corona and Williams.

Documents Filed: (1) None.

III. Public Comment

(Members of the Public are invited to speak on any items that does not appear on today's Agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any discussion item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Speakers using a translator will be given twice the time allotted to ensure non-English speakers receive the same opportunity to directly address the Committee, Board or Commission.)

- None
- **Notice:** As of February 6, 2024, the City of San José will limit verbal public comments to in person only for all meetings of City legislative bodies

IV. Announcements

- A. Vice Chair Lilia Hancock and Commissioner Ruthie Medina attended the Seniors Agenda Network Summit on housing for seniors. The next Seniors Agenda Network Summit will be September 25, 2024.

V. Reports

A. Council Member Pam Foley

1. Councilmember Foley has been appointed to the Transportation Committee. If older adults or adults with disabilities have any VTA concerns, please share with the Councilmember by emailing District9@sanjosesca.gov.
2. Council Districts 2, 9 and 10 are cohosting the annual Senior Walk at Oakridge Mall on February 23, 2024, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. The event is free.
3. The City and Council have started the budget process for 2024-2025.

B. Chair

1. Chair Gates-Lopez toured the Roosevelt Community Center while it was an emergency shelter for the community during the storm.
2. 2-1-1 Bay Area Advisory has been rescheduled to March 8, 2024. Updates to follow at the April Senior Citizens Commission meeting.
3. Chair Gates-Lopez attended Community Workshop #3 for the E. Santa Clara St. Master Housing Plan.
4. Would like the Senior Citizens Commission to have a sub-committee for housing if one is not currently established.

C. Staff

1. Citywide Older Adult Programs:
 - Reported Senior Nutrition Program is going well, and attendance has increased by 29%.
 - Community Centers are offering Digital Access Workshops in February and March.
 - Free Income Tax Appointments now available at some of the Community Centers.
 - Roosevelt was opened as an emergency shelter during the recent storm. Staff did a great job running the shelter. The Center has returned to normal operations. Camden Community Center was also ready too open as an emergency shelter.
2. Commissioners inquired about the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services scholarship program, and requested an update. Staff to provide an update at the next meeting.

D. Organizations - None

VI. New and Returning Business

A. Discuss Budget Proposals for Senior Citizens Commission

Recommendation: Discuss budget priorities for the Senior Citizens Commission to bring forth to Council Member Pam Foley for the 2024 – 2025 Budget year.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Lilia Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Kohli Singh, the Budget Priorities Information Memo to City Council was approved with changes. (6,0,3) Absent: Miller, Corona, and Williams.

B. 2023-24 Senior Citizens Commission Work Plan

Recommendation: Accept the 2023-24 Senior Citizens Commission Work Plan

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Lilia Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Giovanna Erkanat, the 2023-24 Seniors Citizens Commission Work Plan was approved. (6,0,3) Absent: Miller, Corona, and Williams.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Kirk Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

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On occasion the Commission may consider agenda items out of order.

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