

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: April 23, 2013
Place of Meeting: Barbara Lee Senior Center, Room 140

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barbara Ebright called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Karen Adams, Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Barbara Ebright, Melba Holliday, Deborah Langley, Denny Weisgerber

Alternates Present: Moo Jin Choi, Patrick Yung

Commissioner Absent: Estrella Gilana, Bernice Wrinkle

Alternates Absent: None.

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Jose Esteves

Staff Present: Stephanie Douglas, Recreation Supervisor
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Coordinator

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Moo Jin Choi for Bernice Wrinkle
Patrick Yung for Estrella Gilana

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chairperson Ebright led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda of the April 23, 2012 Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Holliday/Weisgerber. Ayes: Unanimous

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2012 Senior Advisory Commission meeting with the correction of Commissioner Wrinkle being present and Commissioner Santos absent.
M/S: Holliday/Adams. Ayes: Unanimous

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the Financial Reports distributed at the meeting, for the period of February 1-March 31, 2013. The starting balance in October was \$4,677.38, the revenues totaled \$309.75 and the expenses totaled \$135.90, leaving an ending balance of \$4,851.23.

MOTION: To approve the Financial Reports ending March 31, 2013.

M/S: Adams/Weisgerber. Ayes: Unanimous

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Update from Police Department:

Police Commander Charlotte Pang informed the Commission of the Police Department's recent arrests for an illegal marijuana grow house. She said the Police Department's press release about the incident included tips for landlords to be aware of when renting out their property (i.e. tenant pays entire year in advance in cash, tenant does not let landlord in for repairs/inspections, tenant changes locks, tenant has construction work done on the house, tenant is never home or only at night for a brief time, blinds are always closed, modification of utility hookups, tenant adds a ventilation system, or there's an odor of marijuana).

Commissioner Holliday expressed her gratitude to the Police Department regarding a recent incident at her home.

Mayor Esteves commented the Police Department has been successful recently in arresting many criminals (i.e. recent bank robberies). He also mentioned that people should be careful of neighbors who have many visitors during all times of day and night because they could be selling drugs.

Commissioner Adams also mentioned a police officer was very helpful when she needed assistance getting a child's car seat installed properly.

Commander Pang also mentioned that a house fire in the apartment complex of Dempsey and Yosemite happened earlier in the day around 11:00 am. Both the Police and Fire Departments responded and there were no injuries.

b. Milpitas Recreation Services Programs:

Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Douglas announced the following Recreation Services events taking place in the near future:

- "After the Bell's Student Art Show" in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery at the Community Center, April 29-May 10.
- Memorial Day Ceremony at 9:00 am, May 27, in the Veterans Plaza. The event will include a Veterans Art Show in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery (on display through July 5).

- Milpitas Community Concert Band's 20th Anniversary Gala Concert, June 7, at 7:30 pm at the Community Center.
- Filipino American Association of Milpitas, Inc.'s Filipino Fiesta, June 8 at the Community Center (Milpitas Arts & Cultural Grant program).

She also stated Commissioners received in their Agenda Packet a flyer on an upcoming Milpitas Affordable Housing Tour on May 18, 8:00 am-1:00 pm. There is a \$10 fee which includes transportation, breakfast and lunch.

c. Commissioner Updates/Sharing:

Commissioner Adams stated she has looked into having a fundraiser at HomeTown Buffet. It would work by the Commission purchasing 50 discount cards at \$5 each and then sell them for \$10 each. Each card would be good for three months and allow the buyer to receive 4 free lunches and 4 free dinners. This item will be added to the next meeting.

Chairperson Ebright mentioned she has not seen any window screens in the Senior Center's bus and they would be needed now that summer is coming. Staff stated they would follow up in locating the screens.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Advisory Commission Election of Officers – Recreation Supervisor Douglas

Recreation Supervisor Douglas stated there are some people who come to the Senior Nutrition Lunch Program at the Senior Center through Outreach and the lunch program arranges and pays for the rides. The eligibility of this serve will change starting July 1, 2013, and senior centers are in the process of getting participants ready for the changes. The new Rider Requirements are:

- Minimum 85 years, or use an electric wheelchair.
- Low household income level (County based, not State based)
- Enrolled in Senior Nutrition Program
- Attend at least 1 time a week
- Live within 5 miles of senior center
- Limited to a maximum of 8 times a month (16 one-way trips)

Ms. Douglas added that Outreach is still working out the details and is supposed to set up assessments for current clients, and alternatives for riders who do not meet the new requirements (such as gas cards, bus passes). She added that the Senior Center's Case Manger will be able to work with Outreach on case-by-case situations.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Recognition of Senior Volunteers (New Building Project) – Mayor Esteves

Recreation Supervisor reported the subcommittee that was formed at the last SAC meeting met and discussed the logistics of a plaque at the Senior Center that recognizes the senior volunteers that played a significant role in getting the new senior center. The subcommittee agreed the location would be the blank wall on the right as one entered the Senior Center; the size would equal the size and look of the current dedication plaque from when the Senior Center opened. She added she received a quote of \$2,250, and the SAC needed to decide if they wanted to fund its purchase or request that the City pay for it.

Chairperson Ebright stated she thought the City should pay for it and not the Senior Advisory Commission.

Mayor Esteves stated he would request the funding by City Council as it would be a good gesture and a thank you to those who worked on the project. He added he was not aware that SAC had its own budget.

Commissioner Weisgerber asked if the plaque would have raised or engraved lettering.

Mayor Esteves replied that it should be the same as the current plaque.

Commissioner Ebright asked if it could be tied into the City's 60th Anniversary.

Mayor Esteves replied that it could if the Commission wanted.

Motion: To approve moving forward with requesting City Council for a plaque not to exceed \$2,250.

M/S: Weisgerber/Daquigan. Ayes: Unanimous

Recreation Supervisor Douglas stated she would report back to the Commission with City Council's response.

Mayor Esteves added the wording on the plaque would need to explain the importance of the names on the plaque.

2. Subcommittee Updates – Recreation Supervisor Douglas

Health & Resource Fair: Chairperson Ebright stated she arranged for a Breast Cancer Awareness presentation at the Senior Center on June 20.

Sunshine Club: No action to report.

Best Senior Care Home/Facility: No action to report. It was requested that Commissioner Yung fill the vacancy left with Commissioner Santos' resignation.

L. OTHER BUSINESS:

1.0 STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Recreation Supervisor Douglas highlighted the monthly Senior Center events listed in the Agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Recreation Supervisor Douglas reported on the lunch program participation and riders for February and March 2013.

February had 1,605 meals served (280 unduplicated persons) and provided 138 one-way rides.

March had 1,923 meals served (280 unduplicated persons) and provided 172 one-way rides.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council - Mayor Jose Esteves

Mayor Esteves reported:

- A budget workshop will be held later this month (April 30).
- The City's 60th Anniversary is next year and a committee is working on events to celebrate it, which will include an unveiling of the "Minute Man" statue.
- Milpitas is still fighting the State on the elimination of the RDA (Redevelopment Agency). The City has four projects on hold because the RDA's elimination.
- City staff is still trying to cut costs where possible to reduce expenses.
- He recently had a tour of the BART project which expected to finish in 20107. The Milpitas Station will be underground at Montague Expressway and Capitol Ave, and connect to the Light Rail system which will go past the new 49'er Stadium in Santa Clara. He's also a part of a committee trying to bid on the 2015 Super Bowl.
- A new Asian Mall is in the planning stages.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission – Commissioner Holliday

Vice Chair Holliday reported she attended VTA's recent "Train the Trainers" event (teaches people how to teach others on using the transit system) and has a binder of information if people were interested in seeing it.

She distributed a flyer that explains what the California State Legislature does and added there is currently a member vacancy.

She also distributed flyers on the Council on Aging (COA) and some programs it is promoting (Community Health Fair, Healing Legacy Storytelling Project, and Televisit.org).

3. Future Agenda Items

- Subcommittee Reports
- Recognition of Senior Volunteers for New Senior Center
- Possible Fundraiser at Hometown Buffet

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

M. ADJOURMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013, at 1:30 pm, at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Recording Secretary