

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: January 24, 2012
Place of Meeting: Barbara Lee Senior Center, Room 140

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Denny Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Denny Weisgerber, Karen Adams, Bal Daquigan, Melba Holliday, Amanda Santos, Bernice Wrinkle

Alternates Present: Deborah Langley, Moo Jin Choi

Commissioner Absent: Barbara Ebright, Mary Banick, Estrella Gilana

Alternates Absent: None

Council Liaison Absent: Vice Mayor Pete McHugh

Staff Present: Aaron Bueno, Recreation Supervisor
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Deborah Langley and Moo Jin Choi for Barbara Ebright and Mary Banick.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda of the January 24, 2012 Senior Advisory Commission.
M/S: Holliday/Wrinkle Ayes: Unanimous Abstain: Weisgerber

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2011 Senior Advisory as written.
M/S: Daquigan/Adams Ayes: Unanimous

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the Financial Report distributed at the meeting, for the period of October 1-December 31, 2011. The revenues totaled \$474.75, and the expenses totaled \$995.06, leaving an ending balance of \$4,889.14.

MOTION: To approve the Financial Report ending December 31, 2011.
M/S: Daquigan/Adams. Ayes: Unanimous

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Renee Lorentzen, Recreation Services Program Coordinator, stated she was speaking on behalf of the Public Art Committee. The Public Art Committee is seeking input from other City commissions on three possible options to replace the current "Cartwheels" sculptures in front of City Hall. The art replicas are being shown at the commission meetings for viewing and commissioners are requested to go online to the website address she distributed and give their input.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Update from Police Department:

Police Chief Dennis Graham stated the crime scene statistics for Milpitas were down about 8% from last year. Neighborhood burglaries were still taking place so everyone is asked to be on alert and call in any suspicious actions. He also mentioned that scavenging is still illegal and if anyone sees anyone going through other's recycle bins to contact the police.

b. Milpitas Parks & Recreation Programs:

Recreation Supervisor Bueno welcomed newly appointed Moo Jin Choi to the Commission.

City Manager Tom Williams updated Commission about the City's budget issues as a result of the eliminated Redevelopment Agency. The City needs to pay the State \$3 million by the end of June 30, and will be reorganized to come up with the funds. The first of the reorganization was the release of the Parks and Recreation Director, merging Recreation Services with the Planning & Neighborhood Services Department and merging the Parks section with the Public Works Department. The rest of the changes will be outlined at the City Council's February 7, 2012 meeting.

c. Commissioner Updates/Sharing:

Commissioner Holliday announced she received a flyer regarding the Santa Clara County Alert System. The flyer encourages people to register online in order to be contacted in case of an emergency. Her concern is that many seniors in the community do not have computers and there was no phone number on the flyer to call.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Senior Center Survey Hours – Vice Mayor McHugh

In Vice Mayor McHugh's absence, Renee Lorentzen, Recreation Program Coordinator, presented the results of last year's Senior Center Survey regarding operating days and hours and programs offered at the Senior Center. The survey was distributed to many locations with the Milpitas Community, including mobile home parks, senior housing

facilities, and health facilities, along with city facilities and being online. The Senior Center received 83 responses.

The main results are as follows:

- 56% were in favor of the current hours
- 36% were in favor of extended evening hours (Monday and Thursday)
- 24% were interested in weekend hours (Saturdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm)

The survey results were presented to the City Council on October 14, 2011, and the Council voted to make no changes to the current operating hours and continue with the currently offered evening and weekend programs.

Robert Marini, 1635 Cortez, asked how many notices were sent out, and why was the response so low. Staff responded that approximately 1,000 surveys were distributed. People generally do not respond or comment on surveys regarding programs/happenings that they do not participate in or are unfamiliar with. Also, people do not generally return surveys if they are happy with the operating days and hours and programs currently offered.

MOTION: To accept the report.

M/S: Holliday/Wrinkle. Ayes: Unanimous.

K. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Karaoke System – Recreation Supervisor Bueno

This item was carried over from the Commission's October 25, 2011, meeting. Commission members received in their agenda packet information on possible replacement karaoke systems and costs. The first five items listed was essentially the same karaoke system (Magic Mic), but from different vendors and with different options, with prices ranging from \$289-\$469, depending on those options. The last option was a different type of system, similar to a dvd player that microphones plug into, and plays music from discs instead of the music chips in the Magic Mics. The price is \$99 but does not include microphones or any music discs.

The Senior Center's current system is a Magic Mic that has a hard-wired main mic and a wireless auxiliary mic.

Commission Chair Weisgerber asked if this item could be continued to the next meeting so he could look into the different systems more closely and possibly even try them out. The rest of the commission agreed with the request.

2. Formation of 2012 Subcommittees – Recreation Supervisor Bueno

Recreation Supervisor Bueno reminded the Commission that three subcommittees were formed out of the Commission's 2010 Work Plan meeting. The Subcommittees were: Heath & Resource Fair (responsible for planning and implementing a Health and Resource Fair geared towards older adults in the Milpitas community), Sunshine Club (to establish a phone bank or card manning to contact older adults in the Milpitas

community that are ill or homebound), and Best Senior Care Home/Facility Awards Program (establish criteria to review and present recognition certificates/awards to different care homes/facilities in the Milpitas community catering to older adults). Since the first Health and Resource Fair was held in September and there has since been a change in commissioners, staff has requested the subcommittees be re-formed. Subcommittees would be limited to a maximum of four commissioners in order to not violate the Brown Act.

The formed subcommittees consist of:

- Health & Resource Fair: Weisgerber, Holliday
- Sunshine Club: Adams, Langley, Wrinkle
- Best Senior Care Home/Facility: Daquigan, Santos

Staff will contact absent commissioners to find out their choices for subcommittees assignment.

L. OTHER BUSINESS:

1.0 STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

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

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Recreation Supervisor Bueno reported on the lunch program participation and riders during the months of October, November and December. In October, 2,029 meals were served and 379 riders transported; in November, 1,833 meals were served and 331 riders transported; and December had 1,718 meals served with 263 riders. He added that November and December had fewer meals served due to the holidays.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council - Vice Mayor Peter McHugh

None.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission – Denny Weisgerber

None.

3. Future Agenda Items

- SAC Officer Elections
- 2012 SAC Work Plan
- Subcommittee Reports

- Senior Center Trips

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

None.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2012, at 1:30 pm, at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Recording Secretary