

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: February 26, 2013
Place of Meeting: Barbara Lee Senior Center, Room 140

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Barbara Ebright called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Alternates Present: Deborah Langley, Moo Jin Choi

Commissioner Absent: Estrella Gilana, Amanda Santos,

Alternates Absent: None.

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Jose Esteves

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

SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Deborah Langley for Bernice Wrinkle
Moo Jin Choi for Estrela 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 February 26, 2012 Senior Advisory Commission meeting.

M/S: Weisgerber/Wrinkle Ayes: Unanimous

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2012 Senior Advisory Commission meeting.

M/S: Weisgerber/Holliday Ayes: Unanimous

Commissioner Daquigan requested the Pledge of Allegiance be included in future Minutes.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Commission reviewed the Financial Reports distributed at the meeting, for the period of October 1-November 30, 2012 and December 1-January 31, 2013. The starting balance in October was \$44,763.41, the revenues totaled \$412.45 and the expenses totaled \$395.15, leaving an ending balance of \$4,780.71. During the period of December and January, the revenues totaled \$157.00 and expense totaled \$260.33, leaving a balance of \$4,677.38.

MOTION: To approve the Financial Reports ending November 30, 2012 and January 31, 2013.

M/S: Weiserber/Choi. Ayes: Unanimous

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Jolene Bradford, representing VTA, presented information to the Commission regarding VTA's Senior Mobility Guide. The guide outlines public transportation options available throughout Santa Clara County. She also mentioned VTA's Train the Trainer Academy scheduled for March 14, 2013. Train the Trainers is where seniors learn how to use the transit system and then go train other seniors on how to use it.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Update from Police Department:

Police Commander Armando Corpuz informed the Commission that citizen volunteers were distributing in neighborhoods door-hanger flyers regarding the Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program.

b. Milpitas Recreation Services Programs:

Stephanie Douglas introduced herself to the Commission as the new Recreation Supervisor and that she is overseeing the staff and programs at the Senior Center and Community Center. She also reminded the Commission all members need to review the Brown Act every three years and she will schedule a time with those who have not seen it or are expiring. She also reported the City held a Celebration Tribute for Ben Gross over the weekend and there were approximately 85 people in attendance. Mr. Gross passed away this past Fall and the event recognized his contributions as a former Milpitas mayor and councilmember, and contributions to the nation as the first African American mayor west of the Mississippi. She also stated the City's annual Commissioners Recognition would be held on Saturday, April 13, and the invitations would be sent out soon.

c. Commissioner Updates/Sharing:

Commissioner Weisgerber stated he was still going through cardiac rehab and would not be available to assist with the Snack bar and other events until April.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

Pam Wells, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC), informed the Commission that EPC was available to offer short presentations to groups about preparing for emergencies. Also, if the Senior Advisory Commission or Senior Center had a public event, EPC would be available to man a resource table. She also said there are flyers regarding "Alert SCC" which is a county-wide emergency alert system where people can register their information and receive alerts should emergencies arise. She also talked about the SAFE program that provides free training for citizens so they can assist in their neighborhoods should an emergency occur.

Commissioner Weisgerber stated the EPC needs to develop a plan in case of a community-wide evacuation is needed.

Commissioner Holliday noted the Alert SCC flyer only shows the website for people to register on and that is a challenge for people, especially older adults, who may not have internet access.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

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

Recreation Supervisor Douglas stated the Senior Advisory Commission Bylaws state a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson need to be elected at the first meeting of the calendar year for the term of one year. Chairperson Ebright opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Ebright was nominated by Commissioner Holliday and seconded by Commissioner Banick.

Upon having no other nominations, the floor was closed and Commissioner Ebright was voted Chair with no opposition.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Holliday was nominated by Commissioner Banick and seconded by Commissioner Ebright.

Upon having no other nominations, the floor was closed and Commissioner Holiday was voted Vice Chair with no opposition.

The SAC officers for 2013 remain the same with Chairperson Ebright and Vice Chair Holliday.

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

Mayor Esteves gave an overview of how several years ago seniors helped propose a new Senior Center for City Council's consideration, and showed the first part of a video of the February 20, 2001 City Council meeting where the item was presented. Mayor Esteves explained that he wants to have a recognition plaque placed at the Barbara Lee Senior Center with the names of the seniors who helped in the project (SAC members during that time and subcommittee members on the project).

Mayor Esteves said his first recommendation is that people should be recognized and his second recommendation is to form a committee to do so.

Motion: Form a committee to recognize the senior volunteers who worked on the new building project.

M/S: Weisgerber/Adams Ayes: Unanimous

K. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser Update – Commissioner Langley

Commissioner Langley reported that Vice Chair Holliday and Commissioners Banick and Wrinkle went a few months ago with her to Sweet Tomatoes for lunch and to check it out for a possible dining-out fundraiser. They decided it would not be a good fundraiser project because there are "upgrade" changes for some items which could turn out to be expensive. They also thought it was too far of a distance for Milpitas seniors to travel.

Commissioner Banick indicated that fundraisers should have sponsors and help. She added that when she worked with Subway for fundraisers in the past SAC received \$600 as the donation because the owner of Subway included several stores and not just one. She would like to see SAC's fundraisers be more local where everyone has a chance to participate.

Commissioner Weisgerber recommended a subcommittee be formed to come up with other options. Commissioners Langley, Wrinkle, Banick and Adams volunteered to be the committee.

2 Sock Hop Update – Commissioner Langley

Commissioner Langley reported that due to personal reasons and the holiday season, she had not been able to work on organizing a Sock Hop event for February. The Commission agreed to table the event to a later time.

2. Subcommittee Updates – Recreation Supervisor Douglas

Health & Resource Fair: The subcommittee organized a few speakers for January and February. Dr. Susan Gordon was secured to do a presentation in January about the three most popular eye diseases. For February (Heart Health Month), a speaker from

Mending Hearts presented information on heart health and recovery after a heart attack or heart surgery.

Mayor Esteves stated he had contacts for a group of doctors at Stanford who do presentations and a mobile dentist.

Sunshine Club: No action to report.

Best Senior Care Home/Facility: No action to report.

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 October 2012-January 2013.

October had 2,045 meals served and provided 233 one-way rides.

November had 1,802 meals served and provided 158 one-way rides.

December had 1,705 meals served and provided 182 one-way rides.

January had 2,001 meals served and provided 158 one-way rides.

Supervisor Douglas mentioned the rides are scheduled through VTA's Outreach program and its regulations will be going through some changes soon. More information will be available at the next SAC meeting.

It was also announced that the Milpitas Senior Nutrition Program would be celebrating its 35th anniversary on March 21.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council - Mayor Jose Esteves

Mayor Esteves reported on the latest City Council actions:

- Alviso Adobe Park Opening is taking place soon, invitations were sent out and the community is welcome to attend.
- New homes are being built in Milpitas, mostly around the Great Mall and future BART area.
- Working with the Fire Department in trying to address overtime issues while still keeping the public safe, but could lead to possible layoffs.

He then said he was open to questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Adams asked what was Milpitas' population. Mayor Esteve's reply was approximately 70,000.

Chairperson Ebright asked how many seniors were in Milpitas and Mayor Esteves responded the number was not known at that time.

Vice Chair Holliday mentioned the problems of the HVAC lane on Hwy 237. Mayor Esteves stated he was the City's new representative to the VTA Board and that is one of the issues he is working on.

Commissioner Adams stated she wanted the Super Bowl and World Series shown at the Senior Center. Mayor Esteves responded he would support it.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission – Commissioner Holliday

Vice Chair Holliday informed the that at the Council on Aging's last meeting, they discussed Public Guardian and received flyers regarding the Catholic Charities "Golden Gateway", which is a comprehensive older adult mental health services program. She added the COA's Health Committee was looking for resources in the area, such as for fall prevention.

3. Future Agenda Items

- Subcommittee Reports
- Recognition of Senior Volunteers for New Senior Center
- Transportation Mobility Management

L. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ebright said a Senior Center participant requested the Senior Center get the game Rummikub.

M. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013, at 1:30 pm, at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Recording Secretary