

**CITY OF DUBLIN**  
**SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Baron called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

Committee Members (CM) Present: Martin Baron, Delilah Vanderpool, and Diane Bonetti

Absent: Tim Pedersen and Al Edge

Parks and Community Services Commission Liaison Present: Rich Guarienti

Staff Present: Paul McCreary, Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services; Anna Hudson, Recreation Coordinator; Diane Guenther, Office Assistant

**Oral Communications - None**

**Approval of the Minutes -**

**CM VANDERPOOL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; CM BONETTI SECONDED THE MOTION. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AMENDED MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2009 MEETING.**

**Written Communication - None**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business**

**OVERVIEW OF AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Yvette Carrillo, Outreach Manager at Axis Community Health made a presentation about their programs and mission statement. Their services are open to Alameda County residents and include medical care, behavioral health, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program and a comprehensive prenatal service program. Carrillo also noted there are no age restrictions for their services.

CM Vanderpool asked if Axis was part of the 211 Referral System; Carrillo indicated that they were. Vanderpool also asked if psychiatric services were available to homeless persons. Carrillo stated there is no psychiatrist on staff but medication could be prescribed through the medical clinic.

McCreary asked if there is currently a waiting list; Carrillo reported there is presently no waitlist. He also asked if there were any plans to expand to Dublin; Carrillo indicated it was part of their master plan to expand.

CM Baron queried about the size of the staff; Carrillo stated they had approximately 120 employees overall. He asked what limited their services to just Alameda County. Carrillo was unsure but noted that most of their funding comes from Alameda County, and that similar organizations exist in other counties.

Guarienti asked if Axis had ever participated in any of the health fairs at the Senior Center; and they had not. He suggested that they participate in the future. Hudson noted she could feature information about AXIS in the Dublin Doings newsletter. He also inquired if Axis was available in Oakland; it is not.

CM Baron asked what would be the quickest way to find their services on the internet. Suggestions included searching the web for "community health center" or "free health clinic".

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### **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are elected by the majority of the Advisory Committee for a 1-year term each January.

Chairperson Baron opened the nominations for Chairperson. *CM Bonetti nominated CM Baron. There were no other nominations. CM Vanderpool seconded the nomination and the Advisory Committee unanimously approved.*

Chairperson Baron opened the nominations for Vice Chairperson. *CM Vanderpool nominated CM Bonetti. There were no other nominations. CM Baron seconded the nomination and the Advisory Committee unanimously approved.*

### **2009 FALL QUARTERLY REPORT**

Hudson provided the Advisory Committee with an overview of the report. It was noted that the slight decrease in attendance was due to the Adult School budget cutbacks and they no longer offer courses at the Center.

There is a significant increase in volunteer hours since hiring a part-time Senior Recreation Leader/Volunteer Coordinator. Staff has been able to create new positions to fully utilize the talents of volunteers. Additionally volunteers are consistently documenting their hours.

CM Baron asked how many volunteers the Senior Center has. Staff did not have the exact number, but estimate there are approximately 150 volunteers. There are about 75 volunteers that work over 100 hours per year. CM Baron suggested the possibility of special recognition for those volunteers who donate a high number of hours. The Advisory Committee discussed and was hesitant to do this as it may create competition.

McCreary asked if the Committee would like the number of volunteer hours reported or the number of volunteers reflected in the Quarterly Reports. CM Baron indicated that reporting the number of hours is fine but would also like to know the number of volunteers.

The Advisory Committee discusses the success of the Saturday morning programs. Staff will bring back as an agenda item brainstorming new Saturday programs and creating job descriptions for ambassadors.

McCreary informed the Advisory Committee as they requested; they will have the opportunity of meeting with the Youth Advisory Committee on February 24<sup>th</sup> to brainstorm ideas for intergenerational opportunities. There are 13 youth members and Staff suggested that each Committee Member bring a guest. Additionally, Hudson will also invite Center patrons to participate.

Since the Advisory Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 24, the March 4th meeting will be cancelled.

Guarienti commented that the Greeter Program and the Coffee Program have changed the atmosphere of the Center. There is more socializing, and a nice feeling when coming into the Center.

CM Baron feels the Center could use some designated "hobnobbers" to just wonder around the Center and make conversation, to chat people up.

### **RECOGNITION OF SENIOR SPOTLIGHT PARTICIPANTS**

The Advisory Committee requested discussing the concept of recognizing the seniors featured in the Senior Spotlight program. This program is part of the Committee's Strategic Goal #4. CM Baron proposed these individuals be invited to an Advisory Committee meeting to receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Advisory Committee. A suggestion was also made that those persons highlighted in the Integrity in Action program also be included.

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CM Vanderpool suggested having the Senior Spotlight as well as the Integrity in Action recipients attend the Annual Volunteer Event to be recognized. CM Bonetti also liked this idea of recognizing them at the Committee meeting and at the Volunteer Event. McCreary indicated that the 2009 recipients could be invited to the April event. Guarienti suggested that the participants be invited to the Committee meeting as a matter of timeliness and agreed that they be invited to the Volunteer Event.

CM Baron felt that inviting participants to the Advisory Committee meeting would be immediate and a more formal means of recognition. CM Vanderpool felt the Senior Spotlight Poster display did provide immediate recognition.

CM Baron suggested that at the Advisory Committee meeting the participant would be highlighted and their picture could be taken with the Committee Members.

The Committee agreed to have participants invited to the Advisory Committee meeting and also to the Volunteer Event.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

CM Bonetti asked if the request for nominations for Senior of the Year should be placed in the upcoming newsletter. Hudson suggested that the criteria will need to be developed first. McCreary indicated the Advisory Committee would need to discuss the criteria and will place this item on the February agenda for discussion.

CM Bonetti stated there was no January Foundation meeting.

Guarienti reported briefly on the Parks and Community Services Commission December meeting. He provided a short explanation about United Soccer and their request to have rental fees reduced and that the Commission recommended the City Council grant them the request.

The Commission did not make any changes or additions to their Goals and Objectives.

Guarienti informed the Advisory Committee that City Council will be holding their workshop with the Commissions on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional Room at the Dublin Civic Center.

Guarienti provided the Committee Members with a flyer for an upcoming fund raiser for Hope Hospice and commented that he would also like to have Hospice come to an Advisory Committee meeting to make a presentation.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Strategy #1:** *Expand availability of Advisory Committee Members to listen to the community about the recreational and social needs of older adults.*

CM Baron had spoken with McNearney's office again this week. He suggested sending his office copies of the meeting minutes.

**Strategy #2 –** *Serve as Ambassadors and expand outreach to older adults in the community.*

CM Vanderpool posts flyers monthly announcing Advisory Committee meetings at the Senior Center's front desk. She has been trying to contact Sue Cervantes to follow up with her about the picnic event with no success. Staff will bring back a report in March on the picnic.

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The upcoming Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting schedule was reviewed. Committee Members choose the dates they would attend these meetings. January 11 will be covered by CM Baron, CM Vanderpool selected February 8, and CM Bonetti stated that she would attend the March 15 meeting.

CM Baron indicated the City is seeking volunteers for the Green Initiative Task Force. Also the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is seeking a senior member.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Guenther  
Office Assistant

APPROVED:

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Martin Baron  
Chairperson