



SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
CITY OF DUBLIN

October 1, 2015

The October 1, 2015 meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was called to order at 9:35 AM at the Dublin Senior Center by Chair Ito.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ito led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members (CM) Present: Brizee, Ito, Krausnick, Lore

Committee Members Absent: Mack

Liaison Absent: Janine Thalblum, Parks and Community Services Commission
Liaison

Staff Present: Cronin, Hudson, Jochner, Kransky

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Public Comments- None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Regular Meeting July 2, 2015

On a motion by Chair Ito, seconded by CM Lore, and by a vote of 3-0-1, with CM Brizee abstaining and CM Mack absent, the Senior Center Advisory Committee voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2015 as presented. CM Brizee abstained from the vote as she was not present for the July 2, 2015 meeting.

4.2 Regular Meeting September 3, 2015

On a motion by Chair Ito, seconded by CM Krausnick, and by a vote of 3-0-1, with CM Lore abstaining and CM Mack absent, the Senior Center Advisory Committee voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 3, 2015 as presented. CM Lore abstained from the vote as she was not present for the September 3, 2015 meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Transportation Options

Ms. Jan Cornish, Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA) Wheels program, presented the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report. Ms. Cornish indicated that LAVTA is moving

towards utilizing the Clipper cards for their local transportation system. Residents may purchase Clipper Cards at the LAVTA Livermore office.

CM Brizee asked how clipper cards are being advertised. Ms. Cornish stated the Clipper cards are being advertised through Cubic, the Metropolitan Transmission Commission, and 511.

CM Brizee asked about LAVTA receiving public input for enhancing the Wheels program. Ms. Cornish stated LAVTA strives to make Wheels accessible for every segment of the community. Various workshops are scheduled in the Tri-Valley at the end of October for public input on how the community would like to see public transportation improved.

CM Krausnick asked if the Wheels program is for everyone. Ms. Cornish stated LAVTA programs are for everyone and there are additional benefits for eligible seniors, which include the Dial-a-Ride para-transit and para-taxi programs.

Chair Ito asked about the bus routes. Ms. Cornish described the major hubs located in the Tri-Valley where riders can transfer to different routes, and other bus lines and public transit authorities.

CM Lore stated the information presented is also useful for the Senior Center volunteers and greeters. Ms. Hudson, Recreation Coordinator, stated the Senior Center has LAVTA informational documents available for customers, along with information on the 211 and 511 programs. Ms. Cornish stated LAVTA is also available to schedule informational appointments, such as a one-on-one Travel Training program at the Dublin Senior Center.

7.2 Daily Lunch Program Review

Ms. Linda McKeever and Ms. Clare Gomes with Open Heart Kitchen (OHK) provided information on the program and thanked the Senior Center Advisory Committee and City Staff for their support.

CM Lore stated the Dublin Senior Center no longer requires lunch goers to make reservations. She asked how this process has been working for OHK. Ms. Gomes stated OHK prepares additional food so no one is turned away; however, she suggested taking reservations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to be sure enough food is prepared.

CM Breeze asked about other cities where OHK provides lunch programs. Ms. McKeever stated OHK serves the communities of Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin.

Ms. Cronin, Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services, stated that OHK also attends the City's Splatter and St. Patrick's Day festivals to collect the excess food so it does not go to waste. Ms. McKeever added that any food waste OHK has is recycled by compost or fed to livestock. Chair Ito asked about the leftover food from the Dublin Senior Center. Ms. McKeever stated the leftover food goes back onto the OHK trucks and is distributed accordingly.

CM Lore asked about the menu. Ms. Gomes explained the nutritional information key on the menu. CM Lore commented that a digital version of the menu may be beneficial to share with the customers who have special dietary needs and restrictions.

CM Krausnick asked about a nutritional analysis for people with health concerns. Ms. McKeever stated a nutritional analysis is available for customers.

CM Brizee asked about OHK fundraising events. Ms. McKeever stated OHK holds fundraisers often in conjunction with Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout troops, and other local organizations.

Ms. Cronin asked about OHK staff and volunteers. Ms. McKeever stated she and Ms. Gomes are the only full time staff members; they have 13 part-time staff and about 100 volunteers scheduled every day to support several Tri-Valley locations. They receive volunteers from online resources and City referrals. CM Brizee asked about age limits for volunteers. Ms. McKeever stated midday senior lunch volunteers must be 18 years or older.

Chair Ito asked about vegetarian options. Ms. McKeever stated OHK is working to provide more vegetarian meal options. Ms. Gomes added OKH tracks meals that are popular to be sure they are prepared more often. Ms. Hudson suggested designating a specific day for vegetarian options.

Ms. Hudson encouraged the Senior Center Advisory Committee to try the OHK lunches if they have not already done so.

Mr. Jochner, Recreation Supervisor, presented the statistics of the OHK lunch program at the Dublin Senior Center and pointed out that overall attendance has increased.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cronin stated the Senior Center marquee project is moving forward as planned.

Ms. Hudson reported the Hometown Heroes event is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2015. Mayor Haubert and the Garrison Commander of Camp Parks have been confirmed to make a presentation. Amy Noble, Camp Parks Chaplain is scheduled to give the invocation. Chair Ito asked about the music for the Hometown Heroes event. Ms. Hudson stated Staff is working on confirming the music performance.

Ms. Hudson encouraged the Senior Center Advisory Committee to attend the Senior Info Fair on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Kransky, Senior Office Assistant.

Holly Ito
Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Rich Jochner
Recreation Supervisor