



**CITY OF DUBLIN
SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2014**

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Krausnick called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call

Committee Members (CM) Present: Diane Bonetti, Holly Ito, Ramona Krausnick, Eddie Jo Mack

Absent: Faye Guarienti

Parks and Community Services Commission Liaison: Connie Mack

Staff Present: Rich Jochner, Recreation Supervisor; Anna Hudson, Recreation Coordinator; Diane Guenther, Office Assistant

Oral Communications - None

Approval of the Minutes

CM MACK MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 5, 2014 MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CM BONETTI. THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING BY A VOTE OF 4-0-0 WITH CM GUARIENTI ABSENT.

Written Communication – None

Unfinished Business - None

6.1 DRAFT DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Based on recommendations made by the Senior Center Advisory Committee, Staff developed a Code of Conduct Policy. Staff provided an overview of the draft Code of Conduct and requested Advisory Committee input.

CM Mack questioned item number nine; *“Lying down or sleeping on the furniture is not allowed.”* Staff clarified this policy refers to sleeping not dozing off on the furniture.

CM Krausnick asked if item number two; *“Refrain from all forms of harassment”* would be understood by other cultures. Staff responded the policy is not meant to be specific and allows for a specific

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explanation on a one-on-one basis if necessary, based on circumstance. Staff stated this point is to cover anything that could make someone uncomfortable.

CM Ito suggested removing "please" from item number 11, *"Please be considerate of others while using equipment or other items that are available for use by all"*.

CM Ito asked about the meaning of item number 12, *"Be cautious when using the public computer; computers are for recreational use purposes only, or as a tool to find other useful resources. Computers are located in public areas, which are shared by visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and sensitivities."* Staff stated this item would be restated to make it clearer.

CM Bonetti expressed she felt the Code of Conduct will make Senior Center patrons more comfortable.

CM Ito suggested the policy be available in other languages. Staff stated the policy would be available at the front desk in other commonly used languages as needed.

Staff stated the Advisory Committee's comments would be incorporated into the Policy and a final draft would be presented to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

New Business

7.1 2014 SPRING QUARTERLY REPORT

Staff provided an overview of the Spring Quarterly Report and noted the high increase in attendance in the Saturday Art class and Ukulele class.

CM Krausnick asked how attendance is calculated. Staff indicated attendance numbers are collected by various means including the number of registrants preregistered, counting the signatures on the liability release forms, and conducting head counts.

CM Ito asked about the decrease in volunteer hours. Staff stated the Senior Center volunteer hours are impacted when active regular volunteers document working less hours a week due to medical reasons, extended vacations, or moving out of area.

7.2 OPEN HEART KITCHEN CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM

On July 1, 2014 Open Heart Kitchen (OHK) began providing the lunch meal program at the Senior Center Shamrock Café. The meals are served by OHK staff and volunteers. Staff is reaching out to former Senior Center volunteers who worked at the lunch program prior to July 1, 2014 to consider returning and volunteering with OHK.

CM Krausnick asked how the meals are prepared and was concerned of the sodium content. Staff had met with the OHK head chef who stated no additional salt is added to the meals and the meals served are healthy and flavorful.

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CM Ito asked if Staff would conduct an ongoing evaluation of the lunch program. Staff agreed to make evaluation cards accessible so patrons could offer their feedback at any time.

CM Mack, who is a volunteer cashier for the OHK lunch program, shared she has heard many positive comments about the food from both new and previous participants. She stated some participants also order an additional meal for takeout.

Commissioner Mack stated the meals are a great improvement and she has received favorable comments from several of the participants.

7.3 SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH STRATEGY

Staff conducted a brainstorming session with the goal of identifying new ways and activities to attract more visitors and participants to the Senior Center.

The Advisory Committee helped Staff establish a list of senior cohorts. The Advisory Committee identified the following senior cohorts:

Boomers

Men in general

Seniors who are:

- newly retired
- homebound
- interested in music
- interested in fitness
- interested in continuing educational classes
- interested in cooking
- interested in high tech education
- interested in watching sports
- interested in wine

The Advisory Committee participated in a brainstorming session on activities which may attract various cohorts to participate at the Dublin Senior Center. The following is the list that was compiled:

Community theatre

Shorts theatre

Talent show

*Variety show on stage showcasing talents, including videotaping

Book reading

High tech, such as how to use different gadgets

How to purchase gadgets, including why to purchase them and the difference between models.

*Cooking

Sports watching party

Volunteerism - recruit the newly retired to volunteer

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Short timers who are nearing retirement

*Fitness and exercise classes

Transportation for seniors from their home

*Wine tasting and touring Livermore wineries or held at the Senior Center

*Home Depot simple repairs workshop

Welcome to Dublin newcomers packet

Advertise online on Dublin Patch

Offer rooms rentals to outside groups to expose Senior Center activities

* Each Advisory Committee Member was asked to identify at least one activity they wanted to see offered.

Other Business

CM Bonetti reported the Dublin Senior Foundation fireworks booth raised an estimated \$3,000 this year. Registration for the Holiday Boutique is going well with 73 tables reserved to date. Bingo continues to be very successful and increase in numbers. The Dublin Senior Foundation raised \$160 at their annual Ice Cream Social in July, and was grateful to Grocery Outlet who donated all the items needed.

Commissioner Mack reported on the Parks and Community Services Commission meeting.

CM Ito reported that the San Ramon Senior Center will raise their drop-in activity fee rates in September. She pointed out the Dublin Senior Center activity fees will still be lower than most senior centers.

Adjournment – 11:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Guenther
Office Assistant

Approved:

Ramona Krausnick
Vice Chairperson