

City of Las Vegas

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE
CITY CLERKS FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

November 3, 2011
1:30 PM

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DUPLICATE AUDIO CDS MAY BE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$5.00 PER CD THROUGH THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR EVANS called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR EVANS and MEMBERS MOORE, DREWREY, ZORN, GOLDSTEIN, HEISE. HENKIN and BROWN

Also Present: MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK VICKY SKILBRED and DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANGELA CROLLI

2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 400 Stewart Avenue, Vending Area; City Clerk's Bulletin Board, 400 Stewart Avenue, 2nd Floor Skybridge; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue

3. PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of October 6, 2011

Motion made by PATTI BROWN to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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MARY ELLEN HEISE, ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, PATTI BROWN, BETTY EVANS, MICKEY LEE MOORE, FRAN DREWREY, MEL HENKIN, JEAN ZORN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(None)

5. [For possible action on adjustment to meeting frequency and bylaws amendment](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR EVANS reported on the frequency of meetings. The February 2012 meeting will not be held due to the relocation of City Hall operations to the new City Hall building.

VICKY SKILBRED, Chief Deputy City Clerk, stated CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED has been working on a number of changes to the Las Vegas Municipal Code regarding boards, including changes to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Services Specialist, put together a revised bylaws, as submitted in backup. They include a change allowing the Board to adopt a schedule for the following year, and a tightening up of the functions performed by MS. CASTILLO-COUCH and her staff as well as those performed by the City Clerks Office. The projected timeline of the updated Code is to introduce it on the November 16, 2011, City Council meeting so it will, hopefully, be eligible for adoption on December 7, 2011. The board will hold a second vote in December and, if approved, the new revised bylaws will be implemented allowing for the Board to approve their schedule for the following year. She then read the proposed changes for CHAIR EVANS.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated she will continue to speak to members regarding proposed agenda topics and will forward that information to the City Clerk for the agenda creation. She explained for CHAIR EVANS that a majority no longer requires a two-thirds majority, although with an eight member board both the majority and two-thirds majority is five.

MS. SKILBRED stated the item will be placed on the December agenda, in keeping with the current bylaws, and that MS. CASTILLO-COUCH will work with the Members on a schedule for the first meeting in March.

Motion made by ROBERT GOLDSTEIN to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

MARY ELLEN HEISE, ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, PATTI BROWN, BETTY EVANS, MICKEY LEE MOORE, FRAN DREWREY, MEL HENKIN, JEAN ZORN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(None)

6. [Report on the Jude 22 October 21, 2011 fundraiser](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER HENKIN reported that very few people showed up and the event took in \$240. He stated they had promoted the event far and wide, but did not have the funds to advertise in places such as the Review Journal. MAYOR GOODMAN made an appearance and those who were there had a good time.

MEMBER DREWREY was impressed with what was done and how well the event was organized, but was saddened that there were not enough people in attendance.

MEMBER ZORN apologized for not appearing as a volunteer.

7. [Report on Jude 22 holiday event](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER HENKIN stated the party will be held at the 9th Street building on Friday, December 16, 2011. There will be food and gifts. He explained that many seniors look forward to this party because it is their only Christmas celebration and they depend on it. There will be two serving sessions beginning at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

CHAIR EVANS questioned how the Board Members could help, personally or as a Board. MEMBER HENKIN explained that volunteers are needed and MEMBERS BROWN, DREWREY and ZORN volunteered.

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CHAIR EVANS stated this is similar to the event held at the Fourth Street School.

MEMBER HENKIN noted that the food distribution is expanding with distributions to three apartment complexes. CHAIR EVANS asked if food, gifts or other donations are needed and was told by MEMBER HENKIN no donation would be refused.

8. Report on possible Jude 22 food drive ideas for the Holiday season

Minutes:

CHAIR EVANS stated MEMBER ZORN spoke with COUNCILMAN BARLOW, who was receptive about having a food drive receptacle in his Ward. She is working with COUNCILMAN WOLFSONS office regarding the placement of receptacles in his Ward around the beginning of December, possibly at the Veterans Memorial Community Center. MEMBER ZORN stated she will call COUNCILMAN BARLOWS office to remind him.

MEMBER GOLDSTEIN questioned how Jude 22 can pick up the receptacle from Centennial and VICE CHAIR MOORE offered to pick it up. MEMBER HENKIN explained that Ralphs, Albertsons and Smiths are picking up receptacles for Three Square. MEMBER BROWN suggested Cardenas Grocery as an alternative supermarket location, especially as COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN is a great supporter of their business.

CHAIR EVANS suggested continuing to work on possible locations after Thanksgiving.

MEMBER HENKIN suggested that churches are not a viable option because they are struggling to help their own congregations and stock their own food pantries and community outreach programs.

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Services Specialist, suggested VICE CHAIR MOORE call the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. She has a contact there and offered to call the Mission first to see if they have any extra items they can donate. The Salvation Army lost 40 percent of their funding and the United Way has significantly reduced budgets that may limit their involvement. Occasionally, Catholic Charities will funnel some of the items they do not use. She stated MEMBER HEISE is an expert networker and has key contacts.

VICE CHAIR MOORE explained that many government grants are based on collaborative contacts with other community organizations, which creates opportunities for the Board to work with them.

MEMBER BROWN volunteered to go to the Arizona Charlies, Station Casinos, and some of her personal contacts with philanthropic reputations.

9. Report on preretirement seminars conducted for Wards 1 and 4

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Senior Neighborhood Services Specialist, reviewed the recent seminars held in Wards 1 and 4. RITA MEIER, Social Security, and MARY MATIYA, Division of Aging and Disability Services, were the speakers. The events are poorly attended although the information presented is exceptional. She will forward the invitations to the Board for feedback and fine-tuning to see what can be done to attract more seniors to these seminars. She clarified that interviews have to be arranged through the Citys Communication Office or at the recommendation of City Council. The next event will be Thursday, November 10, 2011, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sun City Desert Vista Community Center.

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10. **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE BOARD UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED**

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DAVID KAREL, member of MARIA CASTILLO-COUCHS Medicare team, made sure that the Board was aware of MS. CASTILLO-COUCHS award from the Southern Nevada Housing Authority for her work with seniors. The Sun City community held a town hall meeting with MAYOR GOODMAN, COUNCILMAN ANTHONY, CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL, and FIRE AND RESCUE CHIEF MIKE MYERS, where the Councilman handed out invitations for the Pre-retirement Seminar. Comments from the public suggested that people thought they had to be over 65 to attend, but the Councilman said it was open to anyone who wanted to learn. His final suggestion was to consider finding a sponsor that would be willing to sponsor Jude 22 in order to promote and improve their fundraising efforts. CHAIR EVANS stated that Spotlight will be including Jude 22 in their next publication under the category Services to Seniors.

SYLVIA MOORE, Las Vegas resident, stated that she and her husband attend the Citizens Police Academy Alumni meeting, where Three Square frequently solicits donations. She suggested that Jude 22 look for opportunities where they can speak to community organizations in order to solicit donations.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Neighborhood Services Specialist

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