

City of Las Vegas

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
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MINUTES

February 5, 2015

1:00 P.M.

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR HEISE called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR HEISE and MEMBERS ZORN, GOLDSTEIN (excused at 2:03 p.m.), MOORE, DREWREY, HENKIN, TEMPLE and OBERLANDER

ALSO PRESENT: DEAN MATTSON, Community Program Supervisor, KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, MARTY TOLEDO, Neighborhood Resources Supervisor, VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney, and DEBRA A. OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

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 December 4, 2014](#)

Motion made by MICKEY LEE MOORE to Approve

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

MARY ELLEN HEISE, ROBERT GOLDSTEIN, MICKEY LEE MOORE, FRAN DREWREY, MEL HENKIN, JEAN ZORN, TRUDY TEMPLE, DONALD OBERLANDER; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(None)

5. [Report for possible action by Steven Ford, Deputy Operations and Maintenance Director, regarding the American with Disabilities Act and access to City of Las Vegas City Hall](#)

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CHAIR HEISE had previously spoken with STEVEN FORD, Deputy Director, Operations and Maintenance, regarding access to City Hall for the disabled, noting that the current ramp is on the west side of the building where the road construction is occurring.

MR. FORD said the road construction on Main Street is inconvenient for everyone wanting to get in and out of City Hall. He explained that originally, two public ADA (American with Disabilities Act) accesses were planned into the building. The first one is the ramp that is currently on the west side of the building, and the other one was the back elevator off of the back parking lot. About one and a half years ago, there were some security concerns relating to the back elevator, so it was locked down to where it became accessible only to City employees via a badge reader.

There was concern with the ramp on the west side of the building being the only legal ADA access to the building when the building was first built and employees started moving in, so three different options were considered. One option was to create a ramp on the east side of the building where Jimmy Johns is currently located; however, that presented some issues with the curtain wall window and underground access. A second option was coming through the landscaping by the flagpole and bringing a ramp through the trees. This entailed more construction and removing quite a bit of existing landscaping. The third option was removing some of the stairs in front of the building and coming up on the east side directly off of the sidewalk. MR. FORD believed this to be the most viable option, but found no appetite for a secondary entrance due to the costs involved, the need to tear up new construction and the fact that the City was already in compliance with ADA requirements with the one accessible route into the building.

MR. FORD confirmed for MEMBER MOORE that parking in back of the building and coming around to the front of the building or parking in the parking garage and coming around to the front of the building are the only two options. MEMBER MOORE said that this is an issue for individuals with mobility problems, as both are considerable distances. MR. FORD agreed, stating he understood their concerns.

MEMBER MOORE asked if the security could somehow be modified so that individuals with mobility issues could utilize the back elevator. KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, pointed out that anyone can go down the elevator but only employees with a badge can go up. MEMBER MOORE suggested the possibility of adding a call button and camera that could be monitored by security. CHAIR HEISE thought this would be a great option but was concerned that the public would not know to go to the back elevator and push a button.

MEMBER MOORE expressed concern having only one egress from the building. If that area were to become obstructed during an emergency situation, such as a shooter, then there would be no way for someone in a motorized chair to get out of the building. MR. FORD recognized this as a valid concern. He said there is a way for someone to leave the building, but they would have to be familiar with it. He does not have a solution right now but will work towards resolving this issue.

MEMBER ZORN pointed out that some people have disabilities that do not show on the outside. MR. FORD said that one of the reasons the City was looking at this, when they first moved into the building, was because individuals coming to City Hall from the bus terminal would be dropped off on one side and then would have to traverse to the other side.

To work around the glass curtain wall issue, MEMBER MOORE discussed with MR. FORD the possibility of constructing a ramp at different grades with resting places. MR. FORD said that was considered but in his opinion, the best option is to remove six feet of stairs in front of the building and add a ramp. CHAIR HEISE and MEMBER MOORE agreed this would be a great idea. MR. FORD reiterated that this option did not receive a lot of support and suggested the Board members possibly approach CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL. After CHAIR HEISE explained that each Board member represented either a Council member or the Mayor, MR. FORD indicated that each Board member could talk to each person they represented and ask them to consider making a secondary access in the front of City Hall. CHAIR HEISE confirmed with MR. FORD that the Board members could state that he explained there was an option for a secondary access, that he had the plans and the Council could contact him. MEMBERS TEMPLE and ZORN wondered as to the cost as that would be a question the Council members would ask. CHAIR HEISE commented that City Hall is a beautiful building, but it needs to be made safe for the public. MR. FORD stated that he would follow up with Detention and Enforcement to find out more about the security of the back elevator.

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MS. BURKHARDT said that most times, the easiest place to drop someone off is right in front of the building but then the ramp is not accessible because it is around the corner. In response to CHAIR HEISES inquiry about utilizing the cutout to drop individuals off, MR. FORD stated that was not the intended purpose. The original intent was for the cutout to be utilized as a loading and unloading zone for the vacant retail space that existed when the building was first built. It is not legally an ADA accessible spot, as there is no ramp.

MEMBER HENKIN expressed his concern that there is not enough time to cross the street from the parking garage to City Hall. MR. FORD indicated he would talk to Traffic Engineering about this.

MEMBER MOORE commented that access and egress is important but thinks the appearance of meeting the potential needs of the disabled is equally important.

CHAIR HEISE asked all of the Board members to speak with their respective Council person, stating this issue has come to the Boards attention, and it is something they would like to help facilitate. Any feedback can be shared with MR. FORD via e-mail or telephone.

CHAIR HEISE thanked CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED for his recommendation to invite MR. FORD to the meeting.

6. [Discussion for possible action on reports given by Board Members regarding projects and upcoming events within their respective wards](#)

Minutes:

MEMBER OBERLANDER provided a progress report on the food drive. He stated COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN was very receptive to the proposal he presented. A meeting will take place on Wednesday, 2/11/2015, with 12 elementary school principals, two middle school principals and two high school principals to obtain their input and brainstorm. Discussion will also take place as to who the food will be given to.

MEMBER OBERLANDER deferred to CHAIR HEISE for discussion on the expo, which got pushed from the spring to the fall. CHAIR HEISE stated COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN suggested having a larger venue at City Hall possibly around September, since that is before Medicare open enrollment. CHAIR HEISE spoke with CONGRESSWOMAN DINA TITUS, who did not know this Board existed. Her office would like to assist with an expo, but CHAIR HEISE wanted feedback from the Board. She stated the event, which MAYOR GOODMAN spoke at on Saturday, was well attended and well received. The Howard Lieburn Senior Center was the most prominent in attendance. KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, commented that this Center is the most centrally located in the city of Las Vegas, and people from Boulder City, Arizona and as far away as up north have been at the Center. MEMBER OBERLANDER said he will be attending the breakfast on Wednesday, so he will get feedback at that time and possibly find out more information about the project in the fall. One possibility is to coordinate the Food Drive with National Reading Month either at the end of February or beginning of March. CHAIR HEISE remarked that if MEMBER OBERLANDER needed help going to the schools and reading, he would have to contact the Board via phone since there would not be a meeting prior to then. MEMBER OBERLANDER indicated he would know more information next week.

MEMBER TEMPLE reported that the two-mile walks at Hualapai Canyon Trailhead are still taking place every Monday and Thursday at 8 a.m. at Hualapai Way and Alta Drive. COUNCILMAN BEERS has Coffee with the Councilman once a month from 7:30 to 9 a.m.; this month it will be on Friday, 2/13/2015, at Averys Coffee in the Village Square Shopping Center. Beers with Beers will be 2/26/2015 at Lola's on North Town Center Drive. MEMBER TEMPLE brought up the food drive during one of the walks but did not discuss it any further. She did not attend the Coffee with the Mayor event that took place in Ward 2, as she was unaware that it was open to the public.

MEMBER DREWREY thanked MEMBER MOORE for his help at the Senior Expo, stating it was a very well put together program. She supports having another expo in October but pointed out that her term expires in June, so she will not be an active member on the Board at that time.

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MEMBER DREWREY said that there is a lady that lives in her mobile home park that will be celebrating her 100th birthday on 4/16/2015. Most of her time has been spent putting together a birthday celebration for her; there is no budget, but it is a lot of fun. She has a commitment from MAYOR GOODMAN to attend, and COUNCILMAN COFFIN will be presenting her with a proclamation. MEMBER DREWREY invited everyone to the event and asked if anyone had any ideas how to make her birthday special, to let her know. MEMBER MOORE asked if this person would be a good candidate for Senior of the Quarter. MEMBER OBERLANDER informed MEMBER DREWREY that PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA sends birthday cards to anyone turning 100; all she had to do was contact the White House. MEMBER GOLDSTEIN also suggested contacting the Today Show, as Willard Scott does a shout out to people who are turning 100 years old across the country. MEMBER ZORN added that this is sponsored by Smuckers.

Although not related to the Board, MEMBER DREWREY shared another project she is working on that she is very excited about; the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, which helps get troubled teens straightened out. While in Idaho last year on vacation, she was invited to the first graduation that took place in the state of Idaho. These were 16-year-old youths who had completed a strenuous 20-week program, graduated and received a diploma. As a retired teacher, she commented that she had never seen kids walk across a stage with such pride. There are a total of 37 academies in 27 states, but there are none in Nevada. Her goal is to bring this program to the State of Nevada, and she will talk to anyone she can to get this accomplished. Seventy-five percent of the program is funded by the federal government through the National Guard, and 25 percent is funded through the State. CONGRESSWOMAN DINA TITUS has stated that she will back it if it comes before her for federal funding. She has also received support from GENERAL WILLIAM BURKS, the Adjutant General for the State of Nevada, who thought Carlin, Nevada, would be an excellent location for an academy.

MEMBER DREWREY pointed out that it costs about \$13,000 to educate a child in high school, and it costs approximately \$22,000 annually to keep a person in prison. The National Guard can conduct three programs a year. MEMBER DREWREY reached out to the Board for volunteers or to anyone with connections to GOVERNOR BRIAN SANDOVAL, as she wants to get him as excited about the program as she is. MEMBER TEMPLE remarked that she saw this program highlighted on CBS, and it is unbelievable.

Due to COUNCILMAN ANTHONYS full schedule, MEMBER HENKIN has been unable to touch base with him. He noted that the number of veterans living in Clark County is increasing, and he would like to discuss with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY the small offices that grant loans at high interest rates. Veterans are utilizing the card received when obtaining a loan to purchase food, so they end up paying ridiculous prices for food. CHAIR HEISE thanked MEMBER HENKIN for reaching out to the veterans and thought it would be a good idea to make a phone call to COUNCILMAN ANTHONYS office and report back next month.

MEMBER ZORN read the following highlights from COUNCILMAN BARLOWS newsletter. Lifeguard and water safety instructor certification courses are being offered, as are free business development and marketing and training courses and free Homeowners Association (HOA) classes. She noted February as being Black History Month. NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) will be placing decorative rock along D Street and Washington Avenue. The Southern Nevada Health District is commemorating American Heart Month by joining the Million Hearts Campaign. MEMBER ZORN shared that she has had a heart attack and bypass surgery and noted that womens symptoms are different than mens. She had no idea she was having a heart attack; she encouraged anyone with even the slightest bit of doubt, to get checked out, as 600,000 people die annually in the United States from heart disease. She noted the following dates: First Friday 2/6/2015, Recommending Committee meeting 2/17/2015, City Council meeting 2/18/2015, Corporate Challenge Opening Ceremonies 3/7/2015. Pirate Fest will be held in April at Lorenzi Park. She gave the Board members a calendar that was provided by COUNCILMAN BARLOWS office that included a picture of the Board when they were recognized at the City Council meeting for all that they do.

MEMBER MOORE reported that he talked to COUNCILMAN ROSS about the Food Drive; he is supportive, but no further discussion has taken place. The Board has already participated in two events, but they need to continue to try to find other venues in which to participate in order to make the Board known within the community. He noted that sometimes an event that may not seem appropriate, may actually serve the Board well. There is an event on 2/6/2015 at one of the centers for HIV. He commented that this may be a venue where the Board can consider participating in the future to show support and make the Boards presence known in the community. He noted that COUNCILMAN ROSS is going to have a sequel Cowboy Christmas around Easter which may be another event the Board can attend.

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CHAIR HEISE commented that it is very important for the Board to get out into the community but reminded everyone that they do not have a budget. To participate in the expo would have cost \$499. However, after explaining to the Las Vegas Review Journal (RJ) who the Board was, what they did and that the Board wanted to participate in the expo but could not afford \$499, the RJ waived the fee, but that is not always the case.

Discussion took place between CHAIR HEISE, MS. BURKHARDT and MEMBER MOORE regarding the process for obtaining event brochures and the timeframes for providing information prior to going to print. MS. BURKHARDT noted that the brochures are not always printed; sometimes they are just posted on-line. It was decided that 300 to 400 brochures would be needed for the expo later this year.

CHAIR HEISE asked MARTY TOLEDO, Neighborhood Resources Supervisor, about materials from his department. MR. TOLEDO replied that he could obtain information from major non-profits and whatever other information the Board would like. CHAIR HEISE confirmed that the information previously provided was comprehensive enough. MR. TOLEDO thought information relating to the Neighborhood Partners Fund might be useful since it is affiliated with homeowners associations. The rest of the City's programs are federally funded. MEMBER MOORE commented that as a measure of precaution, he brought Red Cross handouts dealing with Disaster Preparedness. CHAIR HEISE said it is important to have the right materials. MS. BURKHARDT mentioned brochures are available at every recreation center in case materials are ever running low at any of the venues.

CHAIR HEISE said the Board needs to decide what it wants to do, since there was not an interest by all of the Wards to do individual senior workshops. MEMBER TEMPLE stated that after informing COUNCILMAN BEERS that she learned a lot at the workshops, he agreed to still have one in his Ward. CHAIR HEISE advised MEMBER TEMPLE not to schedule a workshop in September or October since that is when the expo will be at City Hall.

7. [Introduction of Dean Mattson, Community Program Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Department](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR HEISE welcomed DEAN MATTSON, Community Program Supervisor, stating the Board was excited to meet him. MR. MATTSON noted that this is his 20th year with the City of Las Vegas and provided the various positions he has held during that time. His specialty for the City is business functions which has been highlighted throughout his career. He is very familiar with all of the centers and their functions. KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, will remain as the main liaison to this Board, but he will attend when he can.

CHAIR HEISE stated MS. BURKHARDT has done a fabulous job, and the Board is lucky to have her. She wanted to ensure that he received the roster with the Board members contact information on it and asked if he hears of any event that might be of the interest to the Board, to please contact one of the members.

In response to MEMBER ZORN's inquiry as to whether he was in charge of the soccer fields, MR. MATTSON stated he was not but asked if there was a specific concern. MEMBER ZORN wanted to know who opened the gates. MR. MATTSON informed her that each situation is different, but in general, the Park Marshals open and close all the gates. For athletics and field reservations, usually a key will be checked out so the gate can be accessed at a specific time, especially on tournament weekends. He noted there is confusion in the winter, as the grass fields are not available until 10 a.m. to lessen the damage of frost and to preserve the fields.

8. [Report by Kathy Burkhardt, Principal Community Program Specialist, Parks and Recreation Department, regarding the senior centers and the senior citizens' participant surveys](#)

Minutes:

KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, reported that the seniors were asked to complete a survey asking what types of classes and enrichment activities they would like to participate in. The results revealed the

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most interest was in taking trips with secondary interests in the arts, fitness, music lessons, computer classes and how to use iPads, iPhones and digital cameras. These kinds of classes are starting to be taught based on these findings. The needs and desires of the seniors fluctuate; certain programs work well during certain times of the year so she reviews the attendance to determine where changes are needed.

Seniors do not like to drive on the Strip but are interested in in-town trips and quick excursions to places like the Bellagio Art Gallery and Conservatory. Past trips have included the Bellagio Conservatory, County Wetlands Park and the bird sanctuary. There are fewer vans accessible than before, but depending on the timeframe, the City can borrow vans that can carry 12 to 14 people. The benefit of using vans is that the only associated cost is gas, as the upkeep comes out of the City's budget. This was compared to renting a bus which costs \$698 for in-town use. She confirmed for CHAIR HEISE that the bus rentals are through a private bus company and not the RTC (Regional Transportation Center). As this adds quite a bit of cost to the event, the City is researching ways to keep these events economically feasible. MS. BURKHARDT pointed out that trips now have to be built to cover all costs, including overtime for staff. Out-of-town trips are more expensive when factoring in the bus rental, hotel and insurance costs. She noted some great upcoming trips will be to the Super Summer Theatre this summer and the Tuacahn Amphitheatre outside of St. George, Utah, in August. For \$75, the seniors will receive a full dinner, backstage tour and tickets to see Beauty and the Beast.

In response to CHAIR HEISES inquiry as to whether the surveys were being conducted at all of the centers, MS. BURKHARDT stated she does not know about the other centers, but she has the surveys at her facility because when attendance drops, she needs to find out how interests have changed and stay on top of what is trending. There is considerable interest in Facebook and Twitter classes. February classes have been full for almost a month and a half, and March classes are almost half full. Additional classes cannot be added because there are no more instructors available.

CHAIR HEISE suggested incorporating something with computers into the expo. MS. BURKHARDT stated a quick, simple class could be held during the expo as long as the event location had Wi-Fi. She shared how one Twitter class participant put a tweet out that they were having an issue, and the company called within an hour to fix the issue; companies do not like having any issues out on social media. MEMBER MOORE suggested having a representative from Best Buy or Apple available at the expo to answer basic questions might draw more people to the event. CHAIR HEISE concurred stating the Boards participation should be informative.

To her knowledge, CHAIR HEISE stated all of the Council members have been brought up to speed on the expo; she talked to MAYOR GOODMAN briefly, and CITY MANAGER ELIZABETH FRETWELL is very excited about it. A date for the expo needs to be secured with ESTHER REINCKE, Management Analyst II, and CHRISTIE GARNESS, Events Specialist. While some Wards have donated money, CHAIR HEISE stated sponsors are still needed. She will speak with TONY HSIEHS staff as well as Digital Royalties, who is working with Bill Foleys group to bring hockey to Las Vegas, to see if they would be willing to sponsor some food for the expo. MS. BURKHARDT commented that there are also plenty of great restaurants downtown that may want to showcase their food. CHAIR HEISE indicated the expo may be a way to showcase City Hall as well. MARTY TOLEDO, Neighborhood Resources Supervisor, suggested the possibility of utilizing the Council Chambers as was done for the Employee Values Conference, but the dates would need to be locked down as the Chambers book out quickly.

MS. BURKHARDT indicated that the surveys are ongoing. She noted that in looking at census information, a study came out that states over the next 30 years, there will be a change in population in different areas of the country; more seniors will be moving to the southeastern and southwestern United States. In Nevada, the population that is 60 and older is projected to grow immensely every 10 years.

9. [Discussion for possible action regarding the proposed amendment to Article V, Section A, of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board bylaws relating to meeting time](#)

Motion made by MICKEY LEE MOORE to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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MARY ELLEN HEISE, MICKEY LEE MOORE, FRAN DREWREY, MEL HENKIN, JEAN ZORN, TRUDY TEMPLE, DONALD OBERLANDER; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

Minutes:

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED read the proposed amendment into the record, at the request of CHAIR HEISE. This was the language that was discussed in concept about one month ago. To address a question that had been raised regarding adequate notice, he explained that this was just a placeholder, and whatever notice the Board decided would be acceptable. CHAIR HEISE explained it was easier to remove the time and referenced last months conflict with the State of the City where the Board meeting ended up being cancelled and re-scheduled. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED confirmed for MEMBER MOORE that adequate notice would still fall under the guidelines of the Open Meeting Law. CHAIR HEISE stated a copy of the bylaws with the approved amendment incorporated would be available at the next Board meeting.

10. [Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items by the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual Board Members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not any such proposed item\(s\) is/are within the purview of the Board and/or whether such proposed item\(s\) shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken regarding the proposal.](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR HEISE announced that the next Board meeting is 3/5/2015 and asked MEMBER TEMPLE to confirm that COUNCILMAN BEERS still planned to attend.

CHAIR HEISE stated date options for the expo needed to be discussed.

KATHY BURKHARDT, Principal Community Program Specialist, mentioned Senior of the Quarter. CHAIR HEISE said that it was brought to her attention that no seniors have been recognized from Ward 6 or Ward 4, and it would be nice to have all Wards represented. She would like a pool of three to four individuals to select from. MEMBER MOORE commented that it would be nice if MEMBER DREWREYS friend that is turning 100 years old could be considered.

CHAIR HEISE requested that the members provide feedback from their respective Council person regarding the ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessibility issue discussed under Item 5.

MEMBER ZORN commented that it would be nice if there was 100 percent participation and every Ward held a food drive. MEMBER TEMPLE stated that COUNCILMAN BEERS is busy right now, but she had mentioned it to him. She is looking forward to hearing feedback from the principals after MEMBER OBERLANDER meets with them. MEMBER HENKIN was going to address this with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY via letter, but CHAIR HEISE thought it would be best if he contacted him via phone. Although MEMBER MOORE did not have the details, COUNCILMAN ROSS had said there is a program in place to implement this. MARTY TOLEDO, Neighborhood Resources Supervisor, noted in each Ward, there is a Youth Council through Batteries Included. This would be a great connection between this Board and the youth to conduct a food drive. He confirmed for CHAIR HEISE that the Youth Councils meet on a regular basis in each respective Ward. He will obtain additional information from CATHY WATSON, Senior Community Program Specialist, and provide it to the Board.

When MEMBER OBERLANDER presented the food drive to COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN, she noted that the high schools should not be forgotten as they are the workforce.

CHAIR HEISE stressed the importance of recognizing the busy schedule of the Council but also keeping them informed. MEMBER TEMPLE finds that the best opportunity for her to speak with COUNCILMAN BEERS is at the Coffee with the Councilman or Beers with Beers events.

MEMBER TEMPLE asked if the food drive was going to be handled the same way as when it was in COUNCILMAN BARLOWS Ward. MEMBER OBERLANDER stated that they were going to do a recognition program instead of the monetary route as COUNCILMAN BARLOW did. Discussion took place between CHAIR HEISE and MEMBER

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OBERLANDER regarding the involvement of Mother Hubbards Cupboard. CHAIR HEISE expressed the Board should not get involved with the logistics and said it was important to look at the big picture. This is something being done for the betterment of the community and however each Ward decides to participate, it should be a positive experience. As COUNCILMAN BEERS will be at the next Board meeting, CHAIR HEISE wanted to ensure he was prepped. MEMBER TEMPLE indicated she had informed COUNCILMAN BEERS she thought the food could be donated to any organization he would like.

MEMBER MOORE would really like to incorporate the young people in the process. MEMBER OBERLANDER commented that the workforce would be limited during the week because the youth will be in school. MR. TOLEDO acknowledged the amount of work involved when taking on such an event, noting the effort it took when he participated in an event that required unloading 1,800 backpacks in one afternoon.

11. [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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CHAIR HEISE shared a picture of ROBERT and MARIA HENSON who were recognized as Januarys Senior of the Quarter in MEMBER DREWREYS Ward. This is not only an honor but great recognition, and the day itself is beyond words. She is looking forward to the next honoree being recognized April 15, 2015. She reminded all members to arrive by 8:30 a.m. as the City Council meeting starts at 9 a.m.

CHAIR HEISE confirmed for MEMBER OBERLANDER that the Board has no access to money. Since each member is responsible to their respective Council person, he thought that it would be a good gesture to collectively buy them a birthday card or plant. CHAIR HEISE commented that some individuals prefer not to share when there birthday is, so last July, a thank you party was held by the Board in the NOW Café for everyone the Board works with, which includes the Council. STEPHEN HARSIN, Director, Community Services, provided the water. LUANN HOLMES, Acting City Clerk, provided items as well. MEMBER MOORE remarked that the event went over well. CHAIR HEISE will share the invitation with MEMBER OBERLANDER, since he was not yet a member of the Board when that took place. CHAIR HEISE also sends personal notes to the individual Council members and signs them from the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. It was decided that this years thank you open house would be held after the July 9, 2015 Board meeting. CHAIR HEISE remarked that it is important that people feel comfortable giving whatever they can. MEMBER ZORN suggested having name tags at this years event would be helpful.

12. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

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Kathy Burkhardt, Principal Community Program Specialist

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