

City of Las Vegas

SPECIAL SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET
CITY CLERKS 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
CITY OF LAS VEGAS INTERNET ADDRESS: www.lasvegasnevada.gov

MINUTES

March 6, 2012
1:30 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR EVANS and MEMBERS MOORE, DREWREY, HEISE (Excused until 1:40 p.m.), GOLDSTEIN, BROWN and HENKIN (Excused until 1:58 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBER ZORN

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: - This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall Plaza, 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](#)

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None.

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4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2011

Motion made by MICKEY LEE MOORE to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

5. Discussion for possible action on selection of Senior of the Quarter

Motion made by ROBERT GOLDSTEIN to Approve Venetta Whitaker as Senior of the Quarter

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, verified that she will be sending MS. WHITAKER a letter congratulating VANETTA WHITAKER for being nominated Senior of the Quarter and she will place an order for a framed certificate that will be presented to MS. WHITAKER at the April 18, 2012 City Council meeting at 9:00 a.m. CHAIR EVANS indicated she would be happy to make the presentation to MS. WHITAKER.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH clarified that the Senior of the Quarter is typically recognized in January, but a selection was not made in December and this year there will be only three nominations. She is accepting nominations for the next quarter. She verified for MEMBER GOLDSTEIN that the person being nominated must be of a minimum age of 60 and must reside in the City of Las Vegas. MS. CASTILLO pointed out that the Board members submitted the names of many wonderful individuals.

6. Report on Jude 22 status of funds and/or food drives

Minutes:

Since MEMBER HENKIN was not present, CHAIR EVANS provided a brief report on the Jude 22 funds and food drives. There is the possibility of holding a food drive at the Veterans Memorial Community Center in conjunction with the election of a new Councilperson for Ward 2. This will give the residents an opportunity to meet and greet the new Councilperson.

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, stated that through a grant program she manages for different neighborhoods in the City of Las Vegas, there was one group that did a fundraiser in December for Jude 22 with DAVID HORN, but was uncertain how much was collected. There are other activities scheduled as well.

When MEMBER HANKIN arrived, CHAIR EVANS provided him with a recap of the discussion held regarding the Jude 22 food drive. MEMBER HENKIN added that they are barely keeping above water. Recently a person from Catholic Charities was hired to help. CHAIR EVANS asked if any funding was procured, and MEMBER HENKIN replied he is not happy with the people he deals with at the City of Las Vegas. They require reports that are not needed, as the status has not changed from month to month. The bottom line is to get enough money to work with. They applied for eight grants but the problem is that most of them do not fit the category. He also stated that the building has been sold and he is not certain if the building was leased and they would have to move. Two churches have offered them space which does not offer them help because it takes them out of the downtown corridor making it hard on many seniors who do not have cars.

7. Discussion for possible action regarding workshops at senior housing complexes

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MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, reported that an assessment is being done on senior facilities in all wards beginning with Ward 1, as well as the Housing Authority properties. She met with the Division

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of Aging and Disabilities, as well as other entities. The idea is to develop a complete list of workshops that are available throughout the year and email it to the different managers and resident council presidents to identify which one they would like and on what day. This will enable her to have more control where these workshops will be held. She is developing the topics at this time and will ask each Board member for and input. Prior to the Medicare enrollment period, classes on this subject will be offered during August and September. There might be interest in continuing the pre-retirement seminars during the daytime. She is excited about having forming a partnership with SALT (Seniors and Enforcement Law Together) comprised of law enforcement, seniors and other agencies, such as the district attorneys office, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and victims assistance. A presentation on elder abuses is being developed for SALTs Speakers Bureau to be used during special workshops in the community.

MEMBER MOORE stated he put on the disaster preparedness seminar a month ago and went fairly well. MEMBER DREWREY indicated that her senior group is much interested in the disaster preparedness program, especially in the event of an earthquake, as the epicenter is near the senior center. MEMBER MOORES seminar is very informative. MEMBER MOORE indicated the program is designed for seniors, as well as for those with disabilities. He will provide flyers to be given at scheduled meetings. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated she will call MEMBER MOORE to discuss scheduling the seminars. She stated she is helping seniors at the Stella Fleming Towers to conduct a resident council election process. On March 7, she will talk about the election process and ask for nominations. On March 16, residents will submit their nominations, with the election taking place on March 29. Two Board members are being asked to serve as third-party observers to handle the ballots and count the votes on the 29th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. MEMBER HEISE stated she will be part of the count.

8. **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 reported to the Board he learned of a new program offered by the Nathan Adelson Hospice about end-of-life decisions. The Five Wishes program, as it is called, has been drafted by an organization called Aging with Dignity. It was developed to help families who have to make the very difficult decision for those who are seriously ill or near death. This program is a legal document approved in 42 states. MR. KAREL offered the Board the opportunity to have someone from the Nathan Adelson Hospice talk about this program. He is familiar with hospice care and knows that people receiving care do not talk about their wishes with the family. This document only requires the notarized signature. MR. KAREL offered to have CASSANDRA COTTON a representative from the Nathan Adelson Hospice, to make a presentation at the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting.

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated she will extend an invitation to MS. COTTON to make a presentation at the May meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting. CHAIR EVANS added that many have come across this type of situation and this will be of great help.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH asked the Board to save the date of April 19, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., East Las Vegas Community Center, for a discussion about Advance Directives for the on-line lock box with the State.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City Clerk

Maria Castillo-Couch, Neighborhood Services Specialist

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