

City of Las Vegas

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

January 10, 2013
1:00 P.M.

ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON. TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION MAY BE COMBINED; AND ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA MAY BE REMOVED OR RELATED DISCUSSION MAY BE DELAYED AT ANY TIME.

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 1:02 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR EVANS and MEMBERS MOORE (excused until 1:10 p.m.), HENKIN, HEISE, ZORN and DREWREY

EXCUSED: MEMBERS BROWN and GOLDSTEIN

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

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

Minutes:

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.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2012](#)

Motion made by MARY ELLEN HEISE to Approve

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

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

Minutes:

MEMBER HEISE verified with CHAIR EVANS that a representative from the City of Henderson Senior Citizens Advisory Commission will not be attending this meeting but will be attending the meeting March Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting.

5. [Report from Sandra Sinicrope, Catholic Charities, on organizations Senior Programs](#)

Minutes:

SANDRA SINICROPE, Supervisor, Respite Care Services, Catholic Charities, distributed a flyer and provided an overview of programs offered through Catholic Charities, such as the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Programs. She indicated that the Senior Companion Program is a good program for those seniors who would like to volunteer.

CHAIR EVANS verified with MS. SINICROPE that the Meals on Wheels delivers frozen, nutritious meals once a week to homebound seniors and it is mostly funded by grants.

MEMBER HEISE verified that the Respite Care provides daytime services to seniors for a minimum of three hours per week and a maximum of 12 hours per week.

MEMBER MOORE extended condolences for the passing of MONSIGNOR PATRICK LEARY. MS. SINICROPE remarked the Monsignor was an amazing man and he is irreplaceable.

CHAIR EVANS questioned how to continue to provide meals to the homebound seniors because it seems that the need has been increasing. MS. SINICROPE indicated that they not only feed the homebound seniors but extend that service to seniors who visit the Catholic Charities cafeteria.

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, verified with MS. SINICROPE that the Meals on Wheels serve 700 meals and asked about cost of the program. However, Ms. Sinicrope offered to make the information available. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH stated the Respite Care is a valuable program, especially for caretakers and how stressful it could be for family members. MS. SINICROPE responded that the program is funded through grants and some private funding. If she is able to expand the City's grant, she could hire additional help. MS. SINICROPE indicated that the people who seek the Respite Care are families caring for seniors suffering from cancer and Alzheimer's who have exhausted medical funds. MS. SINICROPE thanked the Members for allowing her to report on these valuable programs and she looks forward working with them. She will come back at the March meeting to provide additional information on Meals on Wheels.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH remarked that she is working with leaders of the faith community on programs that might provide help and support for the senior community, such as buying food for Meals on Wheels. MS. SINICROPE added that the senior veterans and the homeless are the under-served population.

MS. CASTILLO-COUCH explained for MEMBER DREWREY that one of the program established with the faith community will partner with schools, such as providing after-school programs for those students who cannot be picked up by a parent.

MEMBER MOORE suggested that MS. SINICROPE provide Catholic Charities' programs as a pdf file and email it to the Members, including the programs costs. MEMBER HEISE remarked that most of that information is available on their website.

MEMBER DREWREY was interested in the after-school program, as far as what is the greatest need, such as volunteers. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH replied that they are still exploring the program and will be presented to the faith community in March. Discussion was held to place an item on the March Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting to discuss and report the faith program as it relates to senior issues.

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CHAIR EVANS asked how people get to live in the Marian Residence Transitional Living for Senior Women. MS. SINICROPE replied it provides temporary housing for seniors. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH suggested inviting other representatives from Catholic Charities to make a presentation on the different programs provided by Catholic Charities.

6. [Report on Senior of the Quarter recognition City Council dates](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR EVANS indicated that the January Senior of the Quarter selection is a couple; JANET ROBINSON and ROGER DAWSON. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that RONEY FULLER, who made the nomination, could be present during the presentation. She reminded the Members that future Senior of the Quarter recognitions will be held at the January 23, April 17, July 24 and October 16 City Council meetings, at 9:00 a.m. Submissions of nominees are needed. CHAIR EVANS indicated that the nominees will be recognized for volunteer work performed in the City of Las Vegas but they can reside outside the City of Las Vegas' limits. MS. CASTILLO-COUCH remarked that the Members can nominate seniors who take care of others in the community.

7. [Report on Senior Citizens' Advisory Board ordinance change regarding board member terms All Wards](#)

Minutes:

MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, reported that City staff is undertaking a comprehensive review of all ordinances for consistencies, redundancies, and conflicts that may need to be clarified. One of the things being examined is the term of Boardmembers on the Senior Advisory Board (SCAB), which is coterminous with Councilmembers, similar as to the Planning Commission. The Councilmembers term is 12 years and currently the term for the SCAB is eight years. Staff is looking at changing the terms for the SCAB to 12 years and this change may be made towards the end of 2013.

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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MEMBER HENKIN provided an update on Jude 22 and stated that the Downtown Project has taken over Jude 22s lease for the next five years rent free and utilities free. Jude 22 will be moved into a building bought by the Downtown Project located on Bonneville Avenue and 6th Street. The Downtown Project is going to try to provide funds for Jude 22. Jude 22 received another van from the Four Winds Homeowners Association.

CHAIR EVANS shared a wonderful Christmas event held at Jude 22. There was an enormous amount of volunteers who helped make this event a success and everyone had a great time. She gave kudos to the rest of the group for doing a wonderful job.

MEMBER HEISE and CHAIR EVANS agreed to meet to discuss the Regional Transportation Commission issue and provide a report to the Board at the March meeting. MEMBER HEISE verified that representatives from the City of Henderson Senior Citizens Advisory Commission will be present at the March meeting to discuss specific activities and programs they provide. She also asked if an item could be put on the agenda regarding Boardmembers contacting the Councilmembers with regards to critical issues related to seniors, such as gas and water utilities fee increases. MARIA CASTILLO-COUCH, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, indicated that the nomination for the Senior of the Quarter will be on the March agenda.

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9. [ADJOURNMENT](#)

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Angela Crolli, Deputy City

Maria Castillo-Couch, Neighborhood Services Specialist

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