

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

May 3, 2018
1:00 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

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CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL, PATTARETTU, PERAZZO and BOWERS

EXCUSED: MEMBER MARSHALL

ALSO PRESENT: KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, Parks and Recreation, 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 April 5, 2018](#)

Motion made by YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL to Approve as corrected

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO, DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON, JOHN M. BOWERS; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT MARSHALL

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MEMBER PERAZZO stated his corrections to the April 5, 2018 meeting minutes. DEBRA OUTLAND, Deputy City Clerk, indicated the audio from that meeting would be reviewed and the appropriate corrections made.

5. Discussion for possible action on reports given by Board Members regarding senior issues within their respective Council Wards and at large All Wards

Minutes:

Ward 2 MEMBER BOWERS reported he visited the Veterans Memorial Leisure Center and found no activities specifically designated for seniors, but the Center does offer a variety of activities such as chair yoga, laughing yoga, sit and fit and Tai chi. He noted there were, however, a number of activities geared towards youths.

When he inquired about the traffic, the front desk staff at the Center informed him four Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held each week at the location. These meetings used to be held at churches, but because of insurance and liability issues, it has become more difficult to find a place to host the meetings, and the leisure center has become a destination for them, which he applauded and hoped would continue.

Ward 4 CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON reported she attended the Coffee with the Mayor and Coffee with the Councilman events, both of which were well attended. These events provide the opportunity to sit and talk with the Mayor, the Councilmembers and their liaisons. She noted she is working with the liaisons on several mobility issues with seniors in Sun City. Additionally, she is trying to secure a reputable nonprofit to help the Homeowners Association with such things as weeds, window washing, etc.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON provided a disclaimer that she attends events in various Wards due to the nature of her work outside of the Board and is not attending in an official Board capacity. She mentioned attending a health fair in Ward 2 and witnessed for herself one of the challenges the senior community at Las Ventanas faces. The property is across the street from a shopping center, and the seniors are crossing in the middle of the street instead of going to the crosswalk because of its distance from their community. Sometimes traffic travels through this area at speeds of 60 miles per hour, and she wished to bring this to the attention of the Board members and an item possibly placed on a future agenda to see if something could be done. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL lives close to this area and concurred that crossing the street is a problem.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON submitted for the record a flyer for a Senior Safety Fair. This event is put on by the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council, which she is a part of. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, NV Energy, Senior Medicare Patrol, the Coroners Office and 2-1-1 will be in attendance along with many other agencies.

Ward 5 MEMBER PERAZZO stated he began to explore the active voter list last year and was surprised how difficult it was to graph the data. He submitted for the record a color-coded graph of the active voters per precinct in Ward 5. He noted the percentage of active voters dropped considerably since last year, and Clark County told him it was due to the number of people moving.

At last month's meeting, he mentioned DALE HAYES was interested in serving on the Board, but he did not have his contact information. He has since obtained MR. HAYES' contact information which was provided to the Board liaison.

MEMBER PERAZZO mentioned a problem a senior had with the Regional Transportation Commission bus not being allowed to stop amidst the freeway flood channel construction along Washington Avenue by the Levy Gardens senior community; he reported this to Levy Gardens.

He also reported the Ethel Pearson Park at the southwest corner of Washington Avenue and D Street is open to children who are accompanied by their parents, but the blacktop area has no shade. He wondered if trees could be utilized in lieu of the metal shade structures seen at other parks. He thought this alternative would be workable, friendly, appropriate and inexpensive.

A couple of people contacted MEMBER PERAZZO regarding the challenge they are having with housing. He does not have any specific information, but will follow up. He also commented that a driver did not stop at the red light on Main

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Street outside City Hall when he was crossing the street and wondered if that was a recurring problem. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, stated City employees cross Main Street every day, and that happens frequently.

Ward 2 MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL announced that sadly CHARLOTTE HILL, who put her heart and soul into the community, passed away. She indicated her mother was great friends with MS. HILL, and she, herself, grew up with MS. HILL'S daughter. There will be a Celebration of Life ceremony on May 18th at the Las Vegas Country Club.

She also reported PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) has a lot to offer seniors. She attended a PBS seminar on Wills and Trusts, and they will also be holding a seminar regarding the new 2019 tax reform that affects charitable deductions.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL indicated she has a meeting scheduled with MAYOR GOODMAN at 3:00 p.m. to get input and/or suggestions as to what the Board should be concentrating on.

Ward 6 MEMBER PATTARETTU indicated she was not able to do too much in April due to an illness, but she attended a meeting regarding the opening of a new location for veterans downtown in collaboration with Shade Tree.

6. Strategic Planning facilitated by Shari Farkas, Sr. Management Analyst, Office of Administrative Services All Wards

Minutes:

SHARI FARKAS, Sr. Management Analyst, explained a lot of what she does as part of organizational development has to do with existing teams and exercises to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Because the members of this Board are relatively new, she thought it would be helpful to brainstorm as to the direction the Board wishes to go in. She stressed the importance of just getting started, and stated there are specific things each member can do in their respective Wards that can then be shared with each other.

MS. FARKAS submitted a copy of the Boards Bylaws for the record. She read the Purpose section so everyone understood the reason for the Board. MEMBER PERAZZO appreciated this focus on the Boards purpose. Referencing the verbiage make recommendations to the City Council, she asked if those recommendations were made via the Council reading the minutes or through ongoing conversations. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, asked CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED to correct her if she was wrong, but her understanding is that each member represents a Ward or the Mayor, concerns are brought up at the Board meeting and the members then talk to their Councilperson to start a conversation on those particular issues. Discussion took place as to whether or not the Board members should have a standing meeting with the Council liaisons. While it is good to visit the senior centers and attend events, each Ward has its own set of issues. Using MR. PERAZZOS suggestion made during the Ward reports of utilizing trees versus a metal shade structure, MS. SCHWARZ stated that was something he could take to his Councilperson because they are the ones who can initiate action.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED interjected stating the Board was established by ordinance, and the Bylaws reflect the ordinance language. He explained the original intent was that the Board, as a body, would submit recommendations to the Council. This could be in the form of a report, motion or resolution, and the resolution would be the voice of the body rather than individuals. He did not see any objection to what it has morphed into, but that was not the intent. He reiterated the intent was that Council would select someone from each of their Wards who would not necessarily represent that Ward or have dialogue with the Councilperson, but rather represent a cross-section of the community so that this Board heard from all Wards. Otherwise, the Council could have just designated a senior liaison without establishing a board. He does not believe it matters that it has evolved into something where each member works for their Ward and meets with their Councilperson to communicate senior issues, but he did not think that was the intent of that particular verbiage because the Board acts as a body and not individually.

MS. FARKAS asked if the members could still get recommendations from staff. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED confirmed and stated he was merely expressing that he believed the intent was for it to be a Board recommendation rather than an individual recommendation. MS. FARKAS commented even if the members were not making recommendations but were checking in with the Council liaisons regularly, there would be topics the Board could focus on as a whole body (i.e. housing, traffic, etc.). Each member could talk about things they have seen in their Ward which could

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be passed on to the Council.

MEMBER PERAZZO indicated the liaison for his Ward requested a closer connection with the Council Office. CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON stated because of her senior involvement outside the Board, she started meeting with the Mayor/Council Office immediately upon joining the Board, and it has been going very well. Liaisons will often call her about senior issues which helps in alleviating some of their workload as well. By going to the various events, it shows the seniors that the Board has a representative for each Ward who wants to listen to their concerns. She indicated when she first joined the Board, she had read the purpose of the Board but was not sure what it meant. She referenced the responsibilities of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson found in the 2017 Handbook for Board, Committee and Commission Members where it states meets with the Mayor and/or City Council concerning the work of the board upon request by the Mayor or Council. Her understanding after reading the Bylaws and the Handbook was that they were working individually, or at the request of the Mayor or Council or if the Board needed the City Council behind something. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED commented he did not think the Handbook was particularized to a specific board. While it does not do any harm, that language did not come from this Boards Bylaws or ordinance.

MS. FARKAS encouraged the members to connect with and establish a relationship with their Council liaison and attend their events (i.e. Coffee with the Councilman, Mondays with Michele, etc.). The Council liaisons are usually at these events as are a lot of seniors, so it is a good way to connect and get input. MS. SCHWARZ pointed out each Councilperson also has a newsletter containing all of the events happening in each Ward, and she would have APRIL DiGIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, send to those Board members not currently subscribed a direct link to each of the Councilmembers page so they can sign up.

MS. FARKAS read the latter part of the Purpose which states subjects include without limitation transportation, housing, utility rates and service, employment and other matters related to health, safety and welfare of senior citizens. These are possible categories the Board could choose if they wished. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED indicated without limitation meant if something was invented in the last year, it could be added because they did not know about it when the Bylaws were written.

MS. SCHWARZ explained Neighborhood Services used to handle this Board, and it had connections to the Housing Authority as well as other resources. The Parks and Recreation Department then took over the Board, which deals with the recreational component, but is unable to help with such things as utility rates. MS. FARKAS suggested inviting individuals from other departments to the meeting. MS. SCHWARZ stated they already started doing this and that CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON is a great resource for different speakers as well. CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON indicated resources, such as NV Energy, will be at the Senior Safety Fair so someone can find out information there as far as rates, etc. She stressed she gets a lot of information just by attending such events. MS. FARKAS confirmed the importance of making connections at these outreach events. The Chair also stated she was very surprised with the number of resources the Councilmembers have.

MS. FARKAS reviewed the takeaways from what was discussed, which are to try to meet with the liaisons, Councilmembers, or Mayor to get clarity or direction on their expectations and from there, a plan of action can be created. She also suggested the members read and familiarize themselves with the Bylaws. She reviewed the Vision Circle which was created at the last meeting and thought the critical piece right now was to identify the objectives which will lead them to everything else. She asked what activities the Board needed to do to establish objectives. CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON responded going to events, getting to know the people and needs of the seniors in the community and connecting more with the liaisons. MEMBER PERAZZO suggested sharing findings at the Board meetings with each other. The Chair piggybacked on that idea and thought they should find a way to be cohesive instead of referring to Wards 1, 3, 5 together and Wards 2, 4 and 6 together. MS. FARKAS summarized this into sharing ideas in like Wards.

Discussion took place between MS. FARKAS and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED regarding the Open Meeting Law (OML) and how many members could meet at one time. After MS. FARKAS mentioned the possibility of subcommittees, MS. SCHWARZ informed her subcommittees would also have to adhere to the OML guidelines. MS. FARKAS brought up data mining as far as looking for national trends or things happening with seniors everywhere. CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON commented a lot of events are held at the senior centers, and it is good to get to know the front-line people within those centers who she likened to the Council liaisons because they will be aware of what is

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happening with the seniors. This would be a way of getting more information and bringing it back to the Board as a whole.

MEMBER PERAZZO did not realize that data mining was connected to best practices and national trends, but when he sees something that is a national trend, he is more likely to recognize it when he comes across it in his neighborhood. CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON liked the data mining element. Because of data mining, she discovered her Ward is third on the list for homelessness, which she did not expect, so it made her more aware. MS. FARKAS thought this information would also be helpful for the Councilmembers.

She stated the next step is to identify what needs to be done to accomplish these objectives because the activities will be different in each Ward. She emphasized the importance of just getting started and suggested focusing on just one activity that will get them out into the community. At the next meeting she attends, discussion would continue on the objectives and activities.

The members thanked MS. FARKAS and were grateful for her help in moving forward.

7. DISCUSSION REGARDING TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS BY THE BOARD. COMMENTS MADE DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS SHALL REFER SOLELY TO PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY DISCUSSION SHALL BE LIMITED TO WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS ARE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE BOARD AND/OR WHETHER SUCH PROPOSED ITEMS 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.

Minutes:

MEMBER PERAZZO stated he was aware of safety issues and evictions at HUD (United States Department of Housing and Urban Development) properties and would benefit from knowing which HUD projects were within the purview of the City.

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.

Minutes:

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Prior to adjourning the meeting, discussion took place between CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON, KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, and CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED regarding electing a new Vice Chair. As annual elections take place in July, it was decided to hold off electing a new Vice Chair until that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Debra A. Outland, Deputy City Clerk

Kelly Schwarz, Sr. Management Analyst

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