

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

July 5, 2018

1:00 PM

ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE ORDER PRESENTED; 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. BACKUP MATERIAL FOR THIS AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED FROM LUANN D. HOLMES, CITY CLERK, AT THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AT 495 SOUTH MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR OR ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AT www.lasvegasnevada.gov.

1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR OREAR-CAMERON (seated as Chair after Item 5) and MEMBERS AVILA, PATTARETTU, PERAZZO and WEINSTEIN HALL (seated as Vice Chair after Item 5)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS BOWERS and MARSHALL

ALSO PRESENT: KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, APRIL Di GIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, 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.](#)

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None.

4. [For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2018](#)

Motion made by JOHN PERAZZO to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2
YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL, ELIZABETH PATTARETTU, JOHN PERAZZO, DEANNE O'REAR-CAMERON, NORA AVILA; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ROBERT MARSHALL, JOHN M. BOWERS

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

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Motion made by JOHN PERAZZO to Approve Deanne O'Rear-Cameron as Chair

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

Motion made by YVETTE WEINSTEIN HALL to Approve Yvette Weinstein Hall as Vice Chair

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

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Subsequent to the election of Chair and Vice Chair, CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON introduced MEMBER AVILA who provided a brief background information of herself.

6. [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 WEINSTEIN HALL attended the Summerlin Parade as well as the Ward 2 Movie in the Park where she distributed contact cards. She did not attend the Councilman's coffee event but would in the future.

Ward 6 - MEMBER PATTARETTU visited the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center where many of the visitors praised the center for being more than just a meeting place for senior citizens. She noted the hours of operation of the Active Adult Center have been extended which people are pleased with. She has not been able to meet with her Councilwoman as her work schedule conflicts.

Ward 4 - CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON attended Coffee with the Councilmen which had a large turnout as well as a few other events. She added that the YMCA help desk will be discontinued as there has not been a lot of attendance. She shared a Spotlight - Senior Services and Living Options booklet which she distributed to the Members and submitted for the record. She liked that the advertisers within the booklet are vetted. She directed the Board's attention to Page 29 of the booklet which provides a listing of valuable associations and agencies.

Ward 5 - MEMBER PERAZZO stated that Ward 5 has a new Councilman, CEDRIC CREAR, who he has not been able to meet with. However, he has spoken to TANYA JACKSON-RENTER, Special Assistant to the Mayor and City Council, who would speak to the Councilman and return MEMBER PERAZZO'S call. He had heard there was a grant from MGM Resorts to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for Lantinx oral histories and submitted Salvadoreno Restaurant to be considered. MEMBER PERAZZO also mentioned an accident on D Street and Washington Avenue in which he recommended the victims contact the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro).

He complimented the booklet provided by CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON.

Lastly, he noted he has been working on the Survey Instrument, which he distributed and submitted as backup, provided by the Mayor. He reviewed Page 7, noting that he would be utilizing the demographic question regarding age to further study the responses.

7. [Report by Kelly Schwarz, Senior Management Analyst, Parks and Recreation Department, regarding upcoming department activities All Wards](#)

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KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, reported on a food distribution event by Mother Hubbard's Cupboard on Friday, July 20th at the Derfelt Senior Center. Several hundred people are served at the location, and she encouraged the

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Members to let those who are in need know.

She also stated that a resource room is now available at the Las Vegas Senior Center. Resource assistance is provided to senior citizens Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and she announced the summer catalog for the Department of Parks and Recreation is now available.

8. [Report by Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician, Office of Community Services, regarding senior issues directed to the Office of Community Services All Wards](#)

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, introduced himself and stated that prior to working in the Office of Community Services he worked for the Department of Parks and Recreation for 10 years. He was present as he specializes in senior citizen services for the Office of Community Services. Although he was not originally assigned to the task, MR. GRAY asked that he be a part of senior citizen services as his phone line receives many of these calls. When he brought the idea to his manager, KATHI THOMAS-GIBSON, she also felt this was an area of concern as there is a lack of resources and services for the senior community. MR. GRAY'S purpose is to fill that gap. He asked APRIL Di GIOVANNI, Administrative Secretary, to be a part of the Board to be able to assist all senior citizens in all of the wards. MS. Di GIOVANNI confirmed MR. GRAY would attend the Board's meetings in the future to share some of the issues has been dealing with. She believed each of the Members would be a good resource of information.

MEMBER PERAZZO was enthusiastic of MR. GRAY'S presence and believed he could fill the gaps. He mentioned the City's core purpose to build community to make life better and asked if feedback could be provided on how this is measured. MS. SCHWARZ believed that was what the Survey Instrument was for.

MR. GRAY informed the Board that the Office of Community Services focuses on neighborhood revitalization; however, his main focus is senior citizens as it seems their issues are not being addressed as they should be. He mentioned an incident working with a 90-year-old woman who was living alone.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON acknowledged that she also receives these types of phone calls every day and would also love to address elder abuse. She looked forward to working with MR. GRAY.

MEMBER PATTARETU wondered how MR. GRAY receives calls. He replied that he receives most calls from the senior citizens themselves and if he cannot help, he will find the resource for them. His top calls are for legal advice, homelessness, tenant/landlord issues, and transportation.

9. [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.](#)

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MEMBER PERAZZO expressed his concerns regarding phone scams targeting senior citizens. He also requested an item addressing 55 years old and older housing and the difficulties tenants are having with their landlords.

MEMBER PATTARETU wondered how homebound senior residents could be made aware of available social services and resources. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON believed there were agencies in the community providing information to these residents but was unsure how the Board could address this topic without overstepping its boundaries.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON shared the experience of her client who was a victim of scamming. MEMBER WEISTEIN HALL suggested having a person from law enforcement present to the Board on the subject of scams. KELLY SCHWARZ, Sr. Management Analyst, offered to look into this.

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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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None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Kelly Schwarz, Sr. Management Analyst

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