City Hall, 495 S. Main St.
City Clerk's 2nd Floor
Conference Room

May 2, 2019
1:00 PM

Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

Minutes:
CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL, PATTARETTU, PERAZZO and GALATI

EXCUSED: MEMBERS MARSHALL and AVILA

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, KELLEE NASH, Sr. Management Analyst, JEFF DOROCAK, Deputy City Attorney, and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk

2. **Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Minutes:
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:** Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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 4, 2019

Minutes:
MEMBER PERAZZO wished to provide clarification regarding Page 2, Item 4 stating that where he spoke about the Bonanza underpass, he was referring to an estimate of senior pedestrians.

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, encouraged the Members to provide clear and accurate descriptions when giving their reports.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON did not believe MEMBER PERAZZO'S clarification to be an amendment; therefore, the Final Minutes were approved as written.

Motion made by Yvette Weinstein Hall to Approve

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

For-Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Yvette Weinstein Hall, Elizabeth Pattarettu, John Perazzo, Vito Galati; Excused-Robert Marshall, Nora Avila;

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

Minutes:
Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI noted that things were pending upon the Ward 2 election and stated that he was aware some of the candidates are touching upon important issues.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL stated that she was excited that she would be attending a seminar by the United States Trustee Program pertaining to the State of Nevada Ombudsman regarding elder abuse, and she would provide input at the next Board meeting.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON stated that she attended Coffee with the Councilman and a Cop where she spent time with the Councilman's liaisons and Metro (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department). She noticed a lot of candidates who would be running for the Ward 4 office as well as other state and government positions. She took the time to speak to seniors and potential candidates about various matters and made it a point to bring the topic of senior issues to their attention.

The Chair also attended an event for veterans with KELLEE NASH, Sr. Management Analyst, and met KATHI THOMAS-GIBSON, Director of Community Services. She shared her experience speaking to the parents of a Boy Scout; the couple shared with CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON some of their volunteer experience. She hoped the couple and the Boy Scouts could help with an event to be held on June 8th which she would allow GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, to explain more of.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON has also been attending meetings within her ward to ensure the Master Plan of the City includes seniors.

She spoke of a health fair that she helped to host at her church. A lot of vendors attended and a newly homeless senior was in attendance. She and several agencies tried to help the individual but could not. The Chair was troubled that she could not find any help for the woman.

Lastly, CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON shared that the next Spotlight Spectacular would be held on October 19th at Texas Station.

Ward 5 – MEMBER PERAZZO stated that he and his wife attended SENATOR JOE NEAL'S book signing at the West Las Vegas Library. He shared details of what he learned about SENATOR NEAL'S life he discovered after attending the event. While there, MEMBER PERAZZO also met COMMISSIONER WILLIAM McCURDY of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. He also checked in with the Councilman through KELLY WOODS, Special Assistant to Council, and informed the Board that library cards can now be renewed for three years at a time instead of one.

He shared his experiences with his medical walking boot and difficulties walking along unlevel street curbs. He submitted a photo, which has been attached as backup, which illustrated an unleveled curb cut.

Utilizing two separate graphs, he shared the statistics of people who have been taken off of the Voter Registration roll and noted that there were walking lists which include maps and lists of those registered to vote and their party affiliation, for candidates who wish to campaign.

MEMBER PERAZZO shared a story of meeting a man named Sam from Laos and the hardships he experienced when immigrating to the United States.

Lastly, MEMBER PERAZZO noted that a lot of seniors utilize the athletic club for aerobics.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETU shared several concerns she had received from seniors who attend the senior center in regards to the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) bus schedule, transportation, and the cost of transportation alternatives such as Uber. She noted that many of the seniors are uncertain of how to obtain monthly bus passes. She indicated several of the seniors had commented that AARP and Medicare had provided presentations regarding enrollment; however, additional information was sought from Humana and Aetna.

MEMBER PATTARETU also expressed the needs of a senior who was in search of transportation resources for those who are blind.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON informed MEMBER PATTARETU of who to contact with Humana and thought it would be great to have another presentation by the RTC. The Chair also had contacts at the Blind Center of Nevada and would inquire about transportation resources.

Regarding elder abuse, CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON wished to warn seniors about scams and shared a personal experience. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL asked if GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, could obtain a representative from the Ombudsman's office to present on elder abuse to the Board. KELLEE NASH, Sr. Management Analyst, stated that staff has reached out to them and this was on their radar.

6. Discussion for possible action regarding the formation and possible appointment of members to the Senior Living and Senior Outreach Subcommittees – All Wards

Minutes:
CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON explained that the Board had discussed having subcommittees in order to have further discussions on particular issues. Two subcommittees have been identified: Senior Outreach and Senior Living.

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, explained that the suggestion list had been split into two groups as a lot of the suggestions received fell under one category. Suggestions for living, transportation, housing and utilities, and health, MR. GRAY believed, fell under Senior Living. Senior Outreach addresses education, awareness, and events and will serve to relay information to the senior communities.

KELLEE NASH, Sr. Management Analyst, stated that staff has also discussed trying to merge the work done with the seniors with veterans through the Veterans Services Initiative.

MEMBER GALATI thought there were several topics that should be a part of the Senior Living subcommittee such as mobility, safety, ease of access, community integration, affordability, and communication. He also wished to see a website developed accessible to seniors and submitted an example of a website for the record. Discussion ensued regarding the development of a website.

MR. GRAY pointed out that this was the importance of the subcommittees which would help to research and gather information for the Board. In order to create a website, a subcommittee was needed to conduct the research.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL and PERAZZO expressed their interests in being part of the wished to be part of the Senior Outreach Subcommittee.

The Chair wondered how many members should be appointed to each subcommittee. MR. GRAY replied a minimum of three members.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK stated that preferences could be taken and the motion made to create the subcommittees. He suggested each subcommittee be comprised of three members with the Chair serving on both. MEMBERS PATTARETU and GALATI were assigned to the Senior Living Subcommittee in addition to the Chair.

Motion made by John Perazzo to create the Senior Living and Senior Outreach Subcommittees, to assign Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Yvette Weinstein Hall and John Perazzo to the Senior Outreach Subcommittee, and to assign Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Elizabeth Pattarettu and Vito Galati to the Senior Living Subcommittee

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

For-Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Yvette Weinstein Hall, Elizabeth Pattarettu, John Perazzo, Vito Galati; Excused-Robert Marshall, Nora Avila;

7. Discussion for possible action on the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) Certification – All Wards

Minutes:
CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON explained the importance of the Members becoming HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996) certified as when the Members work with seniors, they are working with personal information. She recommended all of the Members become HIPPA certified and displayed her Certificate of Completion.

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, asked the Chair of the best course of action as he preferred a single, streamlined process for staff and the Members.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said she could give two different options but suggested HIPPA Exams as it was easier for her to learn and complete.

MEMBER GALATI asked if the certification was in compliance with and authorized by HIPPA as he believed the information provided to the Members by seniors to be very confidential. MR. GRAY stated that staff would conduct research to ensure the program is in compliance and would follow up with the Board.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL asked MR. GRAY to provide the information he collects as soon as possible. He confirmed he would send an e-mail by May 9th by close of business.

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, reported that the Elder Awareness and Resource Fair will be held on June 8th at Doolittle Community Center.

He stated that he is still receiving senior calls particularly in regards to rent increases and lack of affordable places to live. A meeting was recently held with assemblageSTUDIO who is conducting a student design contest for housing in Ward 5. Two of the proposed projects are for transitional housing for homeless youth and units for seniors. MR. GRAY believed the contest should be done by June and there would be an exhibition gallery at its conclusion. He would share the information as it becomes available.

9. **Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.** 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 GALATI wished to discuss the development of a website.

MEMBER PERAZZO wanted to talk about ranked-choice voting but believed he needed to conduct further research. He would bring the topic up at a later time.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON wished to address the date of the July meeting as it falls on the Fourth of July as she would make herself available should it be the desire of the Board to hold a meeting. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK stated that the City of Las Vegas would be closed; therefore, city facilities would not be available. The option to move the meeting could be discussed at the Board's next meeting.

MEMBER PERAZZO asked if there was a tentative idea of when the subcommittees would meet. MR. DOROCAK suggested this be put down as an item on the next agenda as it was dependent upon the Members' preference. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON asked the Members to think about a schedule for the subcommittees. MR. GRAY suggested the Members e-mail him their availability.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON also wished to review the bylaws and the Open Meeting Law. MEMBER PERAZZO asked if there was a class or information available for public service. MR. DOROCAK suggested an item be placed on the next agenda to handout copies of the bylaws and the Board, Committee and Commission Members handbook.

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, come forward and 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.

11. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

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Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician

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