



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL (via teleconference), GALATI, MOZDEAN, BIENENSTEIN and DRUMM

EXCUSED: MEMBERS PERAZZO and PATTARETTU

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, JEFF DOROCK, Assistant City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LARANCE, 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 in accordance with the State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov.

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 1, 2021

Motion made by Caroline Mozdean to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Yvette Weinstein Hall, Kathleen Bienenstein, Vito Galati, Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Caroline Mozdean, Jennifer Drumm; Excused-Elizabeth Pattarettu, John Perazzo;

5. Report by Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Senior Citizens Advisory Board Chair, regarding direction and outcomes for the Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said the Board should be addressing the most relevant topics for seniors based on current happenings, including any inquiries received by the City. Going forward, staff will be recruiting qualified presenters to help educate the Board on those relevant topics and members should advise their respective Councilperson or liaison about any pertinent information. The Chair said it is important for Board members to be involved in the community events taking place and interact with the seniors to identify their needs, and to keep an account of those needs to relay to the appropriate Council liaison. The Board should put

seniors at the forefront, and work with GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, to craft events specifically for seniors. The Chair reiterated the importance of communicating with Council liaisons, and said ward reports should be a summary of what Board members are actively doing in their communities.

6. Discussion regarding nominations for the Senior Recognition Award

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON recalled the testimonial of EVELYN BONNER-DRAPES, which provided date-by-date information on the two times she had to move unexpectedly during the pandemic. The Chair wanted to recognize the individuals who helped her avoid homelessness, and she felt it would also send a message to the community about the importance of helping the local seniors. This would include the caregiver, MARY, and the owner of Nevada Best PCA, Social Worker JOANN with the Nevada Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), and NINA TEN with Spotlight Senior Services. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON also wished to recognize the individuals who helped MS. BONNER-DRAPES move her things twice for free.

7. Report by Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician, Office of Community Services, regarding senior issues received by the Office of Community Services – All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, reported a number of calls have come in regarding housing, specifically from seniors who want to move from their current living situation because the rent is too high or the location is undesirable. Seniors from other areas, mostly from California and are considering moving to Las Vegas, have also been calling and speak of the lack of senior communities and connectedness. MR. GRAY was going to read a report provided by MEMBER PERAZZO, but JEFF DOROCAL, Assistant City Attorney, advised the report should be read under Item 8.

8. Report by Board members regarding events and senior issues within their Council wards and at large – All Wards

Minutes:

Ward 1 – MEMBER BIENENSTEIN said COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN has spent a lot of time at senior communities hosting document shredding and medication disposal events.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI has communicated with COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN, and they spoke of efforts to spread useful information. He recently attended an event at the local park, and said he was able to connect with a lot of seniors.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL said prior to the pandemic, there were plans to meet with staff of the Veterans Memorial Leisure Center and get familiar with their seniors' needs, and she wanted to know if that meeting could be rescheduled. GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, confirmed he would coordinate a meeting. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL continued with her report, and said she attended a document shredding and medication disposal event at the Veterans Memorial Leisure Center. She also attended a webinar regarding mental capacity strategies to assist seniors, and she said it was very informative. Seniors who are struggling mentally can mistakenly make risky financial decisions, which can be catastrophic. It was recommended that people go in to the senior's home to observe them and talk about any potential issues.

Ward 3 – MEMBER DRUMM reported that COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ helped facilitate COVID-19 vaccines for 250 seniors at the Consulate of Mexico, and she is committed to making sure everyone who wants the vaccine has access to it. Many seniors in Ward 3 are being evicted from their homes due to gentrification and increased rent amounts. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said increased rent is a major challenge, and she is committed to recruiting educational presenters to better understand what is being done.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON has been attending a lot of webinars on housing and elder abuse. She is in the process of planning a few senior events, and she has communicated with COUNCILMAN ANTHONY'S liaison about her efforts moving forward.

Ward 5 – MR. GRAY read a report provided by MEMBER PERAZZO, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup. He explained that seniors can develop lactose intolerance and manage it with medication, although knowing how much lactose is in a product can be difficult. MEMBER PERAZZO is currently

investigating *Go Dairy Free* by Alisa Fleming, and he will be speaking with his personal physician about obtaining a simple guide on the amount of lactose in various foods. He also advised that medical blood work can be covered in a wellness screening, but follow-up costs can be out of pocket unless one's employer covers a part of your deductible. MEMBER PERAZZO wrote that many companies have experienced a reduction in force because of the pandemic, and many employees have been reduced from full time to on-call status, which has made them ineligible for paid time off (PTO). His employer has offered to grant employees four hours of PTO within 60 days of receiving their final COVID-19 vaccine. The City is a member of Clark County Regional Flood District's Storm Water Quality Management Committee, and they aired a 30-second advertisement on May 3rd. Lastly, MEMBER PERAZZO said the City began spraying the areas between the sidewalks, curbs and gutters on both sides of Lorenzi Park along Washington Avenue. He has made repeated requests to know the type of herbicide being used because most types do not recommend spraying in areas which drain to aquatic life.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN was glad to hear about the senior centers that are reopening. She spoke of the positive remarks she has heard from individuals that have made appointments for their COVID-19 vaccine. There has been some confusion in the community regarding the road closures surrounding the Centennial Bowl, and she has advised those individuals where to find information on road closures. MEMBER MOZDEAN has also referred people to the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) site because they have good driving assistance materials. She is in the process of setting up an event at the Centennial Hills Adult Center, and she will provide additional details soon. An outdoor event at Floyd Lamb Park may also happen, which will allow for more constituents from other wards to come share their stories and contact information if they are comfortable doing so while maintaining social distancing requirements. In closing, she thanked all of the Councilmembers for hosting document shredding and medication disposal events and recognized their importance.

9. Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members must refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion must be limited to whether or not such proposed items are within the purview of the Board and 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 GALATI had a conversation with a friend who told him about mistakenly leaving his gas stove on, and he wondered if the Board could have a conversation about devices that can be used by seniors that would help them remember to shut their stoves and other items off. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON agreed, and said Alzheimer's and other cognitive disorders have grown exponentially in Southern Nevada. She recommended a speaker from the Southern Nevada Alzheimer's Chapter, who is a good resource that can educate the Board on this topic.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON reiterated that housing and transportation support is still lacking, and said she has already reached out to speakers who can educate the Board on Section 8 and other related topics. She is committed to getting any resources or speakers to the meetings to educate the Board and the public.

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.

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None.

11. **Adjournment**

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CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON announced the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting would be held on June 3, 2021, and there would be no Subcommittee meetings until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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and
The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov