



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL and PERAZZO

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, JEFF DOROCAL, 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 noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; 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 May 5, 2022

Motion made by Jennifer Drumm to Approve

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

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

5. Presentation by Jeffrey Feick, Community Outreach Coordinator, Aging and Disability Services Division (ADSD), Adult Protective Services, regarding elder abuse

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON announced that the presenter was not able to attend the meeting.

Motion made by Caroline Mozdean to Strike

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

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

6. Discussion for possible action regarding potential nominees for the Senior Recognition Award – All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON opined that DR. CHAD KINGSLEY, Southern Nevada Health District, may be a good nominee. She recalled the number of times he has attended meetings and answered the Board's questions. He has made himself available to senior communities and organizations, and he even arranged for COVID-19 vaccinations to be distributed within senior communities. MEMBER MOZDEAN thought it was an excellent idea, and agreed that he had been diligent in attending meetings and sharing information.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC read comments submitted by MEMBER PERAZZO, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup. He nominated CASSANDRA F. LEWIS, who has worked for the City of Las Vegas for 30 years. She started off as an hourly employee and is now a coordinator at the Doolittle Senior Center. On a regular day, there are anywhere from 200 plus seniors coming to the center for activities and programs. The center is located in the heart of ZIP code 89106 and within walking distance of at least two senior housing communities. He shared a list of Doolittle's unique visitors that included: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN and FIRST LADY JILL BIDEN, SENATOR STEVEN HORSFORD, CJ WATSON, GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK, JUDGE KAREN BENNETT and ATTORNEY GENERAL AARON FORD. MEMBER PERAZZO also provided a list of awards and recognition MS. LEWIS has received for her service to the senior community along with the organizations she is affiliated with.

MEMBER MOZDEAN reminded the Board about her nomination for MICHAEL BEEBE from 702PlumbAIR. She did not find any negative feedback on the Better Business Bureau website, and she has a message in to a local news reporter. She would like to keep his name available, and offered to share additional information about him.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said it is vital to be recognizing these individuals who are going above and beyond for seniors, and she would like to see two people honored. MEMBER MOZDEAN agreed, but she wondered if the City Council would want to recognize MS. LEWIS instead, since she is a City employee. Presenting the award to individuals who are not often recognized may encourage others to help in the community, to which the Chair agreed. CHAIR O-REAR-CAMERON knew MS. LEWIS does amazing work with the seniors, but she expressed concern with her being a City employee.

MEMBER PATTARETTU supported nominating DR. KINGSLEY and MS. LEWIS, as they both deserve the recognition. MEMBER DRUMM agreed.

MR. DOROCAC said if nominated, GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, would coordinate with DR. KINGSLEY and MS. LEWIS to attend an upcoming meeting to receive their award. MEMBER MOZDEAN requested the nominations be voted on separately.

Motion made by Elizabeth Pattarettu to Approve the nomination of Dr. Chad Kingsley

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

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

Motion made by Elizabeth Pattarettu to Approve the nomination of Cassandra Lewis

Passed For: 4; Against: 1; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

7. Report by Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I, Office of Community Services, regarding senior issues received by the Office of Community Services – All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, reported that many seniors are calling in search of personal care assistance. They are needing help with general tasks such as grocery shopping, medical appointments, etc. The main concern they are facing is finding the money to pay for that assistance, and staff is asking those seniors to check with their medical insurance. If their insurance does not cover the services, they would need to budget for such.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said typically, personal care assistance will only be covered under Medicaid. She said it is also important to look for assistance from the people around you.

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

Minutes:

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI attended the Veterans Memorial Ceremony at The Lakes, and he met their new director. He plans to approach her again and offer his assistance in educating the senior residents about voting. He wants to make sure the seniors have a sense of purpose, and getting the less mobile seniors involved is vital. He may duplicate this with the other senior centers in the area as well.

Ward 3 – MEMBER DRUMM said COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ celebrated Cinco de Mayo with the Desert Oasis community. In partnership with Las Vegas Fire and Rescue and Ward 3, a Vial of Life event was held at the Las Vegas Meadows community. Additionally, the Stewart Pines community invited the Councilwoman to a women's appreciation luncheon, and they discussed safety tips with the Downtown Area Command.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON reported that there is an increase in crime, and she recommended Ward 4 residents to attend First Tuesday every month, which is a great place to connect with law enforcement and obtain more information. Ward 4 is hosting a Summer Splash on June 4th at the Durango Hills YMCA, and she encouraged all to attend. Lastly, she is still working on putting together Coffee with Seniors events.

Ward 5 – ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAR read comments submitted by MEMBER PERAZZO, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup. COUNCILMAN CREAR and Clark County Commissioner WILLIAM McCURDY II are welcoming the public to join them in the induction of the second group of honorees to be enshrined at the Historic Westside Legacy Park on June 4th at 8:00 a.m. The park is located at 1600 Mountain Mariah Drive, and the event will feature the induction ceremony, music and food trucks. He further reported that the Historic Westside Legacy Park is a partnership between the City of Las Vegas and Clark County, which opened in December 2021 with 36 honorees. He wrote about meeting the nephew of one of the previous nominees, Detective HERMAN MOODY, and his relation to nominees CRANFORD CRAWFORD, JR. and NANCE WEBB WILLIAMS. In closing, MEMBER PERAZZO said he did not remember much conversation surrounding NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) Chapter 427A – Services to Aging Persons and Persons with Disabilities at the last meeting, and he wondered if it could be appended to the bylaws.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN said she has been working with seniors regarding the local election. She and a few others never received a sample ballot, and she has been disseminating the Election Department's phone number. Many seniors do not have transportation to polling sites, and she is seeking what can be done to assist those individuals. She received renewed concern about food inefficiency, and she thanked GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, for encouraging seniors to sign up for City newsletters.

MEMBER GALATI said his wife did not receive her ballot although he received his. He called the Election Department, and they told him it may have been mailed on a different date. He was concerned this is becoming a pattern, and it needs to be reported. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON asked if this was the sample ballot or the real one, and MEMBER GALATI said it was the real ballot. MEMBER MOZDEAN reiterated she was speaking about the sample ballots, and she has not heard about anybody not receiving their real ballot. If that is the case, they should contact the Election Department because there is a tracking number on each ballot.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON added that the SPOTLIGHT Spectacular is being held at The Orleans on June 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Board will have a table at the event, and she is waiting for a flyer to distribute. This is a great event for resources and information, and there will be a free buffet.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETTU did not have much to report, as she is still struggling with guardianship at the hospital. She also clarified for the Chair that she is speaking about public guardianship, as these are individuals who have been left behind by their families.

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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CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON asked to hear more information about public guardianship.

MEMBER PATTARETTU requested an update on RTC'S (Regional Transportation Commission) identification process, as she knows someone who has been waiting on assistance getting to the bus stop. The Chair agreed, and said it has been a long time since the RTC reported to the Board.

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:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON advised the next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting would be held on July 7, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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