



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL, MOZDEAN, BIENENSTEIN, PATTARETTU and DRUMM

EXCUSED: MEMBERS PERAZZO and GALATI

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, JULIE PEACOCK, AmeriCorps VISTA, JEFF DOROCK, Deputy 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.

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SHERRY ALEXANDER, Recreation Coordinator, said she recently started at the Derfelt Senior Center and wanted feedback from the Board members on ways the Center could improve. She provided 702-497-3988 as her phone number and thanked the members for their time.

MEMBER MOZDEAN asked if MS. ALEXANDER could assist in ensuring that the same programs are not duplicated at other centers during the same week. MS. ALEXANDER said she recently met with other Recreation Coordinators and they have plans to get together and coordinate schedules so seniors have the opportunity to partake in the same events at different facilities. MEMBERS MOZDEAN noted that seniors often get confused with events because some are coordinated by the City and others are coordinated by entities such as the YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association). MS. ALEXANDER explained the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center is unique because the City shares the building with the YMCA. She said each entity is responsible for their own programming, but the City and YMCA do coordinate their events so they are not competing with each other. Additionally, she noted that the coordinators and directors have been moved around, but program coordination is a priority going forward. MEMBER MOZDEAN asked if senior centers will be opened during phase three, and MS. ALEXANDER said the City is currently programming for November and December, but they are being cautious so they are not jeopardizing any of the seniors.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL felt it was important for recreation supervisors to meet with the Board so that program information can be shared, and MS. ALEXANDER confirmed she would pass that information on to her supervisor and ensure there is coordination. MS. ALEXANDER added she was very new to the Derfelt Senior Center, and she attended this meeting to meet the members and start that communication.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2020
Motion made by Yvette Weinstein Hall to Approve
Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2
For-Yvette Weinstein Hall, Elizabeth Pattarettu, Kathleen Bienenstein, Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Caroline Mozdean, Jennifer Drumm; Excused-Vito Galati, John Perazzo;
5. 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 that he had seen an increase in disparities within the senior community since the COVID-19 pandemic. He clarified that these disparities already existed but they are now becoming exasperated due to the pandemic. His office is working to coordinate a more responsive program with information services and resources in response to COVID-19. Lastly, he noted an increase in popularity with the City of Las Vegas Seniors Facebook group, which now has over 130 members.
6. Report by Board members regarding events and senior issues within their Council Wards and at large – All Wards
Minutes:
Ward 1 – MEMBER BIENENSTEIN said she and COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN'S team had been visiting various senior centers to make sure people are safe and receiving food and paper products. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said she had seen COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN in various meetings with the Southern Nevada Health District, and she was pleased that he mentioned seniors and their safety.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL said COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN and MEMBER GALATI recently visited a senior home to pass out masks. She said COUNCILWOMAN SEAMAN'S website has information on where to get a COVID-19 test and happenings with Social Security.

Ward 3 – MEMBER DRUMM said not much had been happening in Ward 3, but she has been visiting neighbors and other surrounding areas.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said she had been checking on seniors and addressing concerns received through the Office of Community Services or the Ward 4 office. She has delivered food to seniors that have fear of long lines, taking part in senior and couples counseling and attended various webinars to learn how she can better serve the community. During the early stages of the pandemic, she delivered masks and test kits to physicians' offices and encouraged doctors to use remote patient monitoring. Additionally, she is in the process of compiling a report with information from various senior and healthcare partners that will be given to the Office of Community Services and the Board.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON noted that Ward 5 representation was absent.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN said she had been preparing and distributing paper masks for the homeless community. She had conversations with medical professionals who said it is important to remind seniors to take care of themselves beyond COVID-19. It is important to take precautions but also remember to take care of medical issues that would have been taken care of otherwise.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETTU said she had been busy caring for patients in the UMC (University Medical Center). She said it is important that we all take care of each other regardless of age, and testing positive for COVID-19 antibodies does not guarantee that COVID-19 cannot be contracted again. She was not sure how comfortable seniors would be visiting with doctors but expressed the importance of these visits. Lastly, she had been distributing food to the community through her local church.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON thanked each Board member and appreciated that they were taking the time to care for the community.
7. Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items of the Board's Senior Living and Senior Outreach Subcommittees. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members must refer solely to proposals for future Subcommittee agenda items and any discussion must be limited to whether or not such proposed items are within the purview of the Board and its Subcommittees 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 announced Subcommittee meetings would not be held until further notice. When these meetings are held, she thought education could be a topic for both subcommittees. Specifically, the members could be educated on how to reach seniors and recognize their needs.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL said she wanted to institute the mentoring project with youth and seniors. She also mentioned a grant that was given to the Historic Westside for free Wi-Fi and wanted to know if more grants could be distributed to other areas.

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, 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.

9. **Adjournment**

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CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON announced the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting would be held on August 6th, and there would be no Subcommittee meetings until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician

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WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DECLARATION OF
EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006

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