



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Agenda

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law**
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.
4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2021
5. Presentation of the Senior Recognition Award to Jo Ann Worthington, Capital North American Movers, Mary Stroughter, Lucy Martinez, and Nina Ten for their outstanding service to the senior community
6. Report by Gregory Gray, Community Program Technician, Office of Community Services, regarding senior issues received by the Office of Community Services – All Wards
7. Report by Board members regarding senior issues and events within their Council wards and at large – All Wards
8. 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.
9. **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.
10. **Adjournment**

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Statement for SPOTLIGHT Senior Services Las Vegas

Nina Ten <nina@spotlightseniorservices.com>

Thu 8/5/2021 11:26 AM

To: Deanne O'Rear-Cameron <bcc_dcameron@LasVegasNevada.GOV>; Gregory Gray <ggray@LasVegasNevada.GOV>

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Here is our statement:

SPOTLIGHT Senior Services Las Vegas is sincerely grateful to the Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board and the City of Las Vegas for the recognition of our community service and advocacy on behalf of Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities in our community.

It is our honor and our mission to assist others in need by providing them with accurate information to find programs and resources to improve their quality of life.

In the case of Evelyn Bonner-Drapes, it was evident that she was in a serious Life-or-Death situation in Sept 2020 when she received the Notice of Non-Renewal of Lease on her front door.

It was at-no-fault of her own that she was forced to move from the apartment she had lived in for the last 12 years.

Having known Miss Evelyn for over 10 years and assisting her with various services and programs to allow her to age in place successfully, we were compelled to help her - no matter the costs. It was evident to us at the time, that if we did not get involved to help Miss Evelyn right away, her situation would quickly escalate to affecting her health and ultimately to causing her demise.

And just as we had anticipated, this situation was devastating to her health and well being - even when 4 different organizations assisting her and coordinating her new living space and her healthcare over a span of 9 months! Her story is just ONE of Hundreds of Older Adults & Adults with disabilities who live on a fixed income and who are victims to our current affordable housing crisis.

We thank the Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board for documenting this ordeal and for your continued diligence in recording these incidences in hopes to affect change for our Aging Population.

Thank you so much for this honor... we greatly appreciate the recognition and accolades for doing the right thing. This means so much to us!

Submitted At Meeting by Chair
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Nina Ten & Martin Wittmier

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Testimonial of Evelyn Bonner-Drapes

2/04/2021

Submitted by Nina Ten, SPOTLIGHT Senior Services Las Vegas
(702) 409-1252, Nina@SpotlightSeniorServices.com

Evelyn Bonner-Drapes is 84 years old and living independently (aging in place) at Country Club at The Meadows Apartments for 12 years. She lives with Parkinson's Disease, Heart Disease and has a pacemaker. She is homebound and uses a walker and a power scooter when she has balance issues. She receives assistance through ADSD with a PCA Caregiver & at times Home Health Agencies to coordinate her healthcare. She receives food assistance through Helping Hands of Vegas Valley and other city and non-profit agencies. I have known Evelyn since 2010, as a volunteer for Helping Hands of Vegas Valley when I began delivering food to her each month. I've witnessed her live independently with assistance for the last 10 years with great success, and helped her to find needed programs as her health declined in recent years.

9/24/2020 - Evelyn receives a "Notice of Non-Renewal of lease" and is asked to vacate the apartment by DEC 31, 2020.

10/1/2020 - 12/15/2020 - With the help of Nina Ten -SPOTLIGHT Senior Services Las Vegas, Jo Ann Worthington -Clark County Social Services & Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Deanne O'Rear Cameron -Senior Citizens Advisory Board, and the generosity of Mary Stroughter -her PCA Caregiver, Evelyn proceeds to visit and apply for a handful of Independent Senior Living Communities who will accept a Section 8 waiver. But unfortunately, most have waiting lists for 1-2 years. Each time she applies, she must rely on Mary to dress her and drive her to the appointment. She applies and gets denied multiple times.

12/18/2020 - With the help of her Social Worker Jo Ann Worthington, who through her own contacts manages to find an available apartment at Nevada HAND, Evelyn visits and applies for another Senior Community @ Harmon Pines. They do have a 1st Floor 1 bedroom apartment available for move in. She has to wait for approval on her application and an inspection by Section 8.

12/23/2020 - Evelyn is told that Nevada HAND & Harmon Pines are still waiting to receive approval on her background check & credit check before they can approve her application. They tell Evelyn and Jo Ann Worthington that they are expecting the information by Dec 28th - due to the holiday weekend. Once they receive it, a decision on her application will be made.

12/28/2020 - Because of all the worry and stress over moving and packing boxes herself, Evelyn falls down inside her apartment and is rushed to MountainView Hospital where she is kept for 24 hour observation in the hallway of the ER. On the same day, Jo Ann Worthington follows up with Harmon Pines to see if Evelyn's application has been approved yet. She is told that they are still waiting for the information to complete it.

12/29/2020 - Evelyn is released from MountainView and transferred to PAM Rehabilitation Hospital of Centennial Hills.

12/30/2020 - Jo Ann Worthington calls Harmon Pines on Evelyn's behalf to see if her application is approved yet. She is told that her application is approved, but they are waiting still for the Section 8 inspection to allow her to move in.

12/31/2020 - Nina Ten, Mary the PCA Caregiver & her husband go to Evelyn's apartment to pack up remaining boxes, rent a moving truck and to move Evelyn's furniture & belongings to a storage unit until Evelyn is cleared to move in at Harmon Pines. Country Club at The Meadows give them 2 extra days (until Sat 1/02/2021) to finish cleaning out the apartment. The costs for renting the moving truck and storage for 1 month is approximately \$250.

1/12/2021 - 12 days go by and the Section 8 Inspection is still not done. Jo Ann finds out from Section 8 department that a ("Form") needed to be signed. Evelyn is still at PAM Rehabilitation Hospital in Centennial Hills and is full of anxiety and stress that she cannot move into her new apartment.

1/13/2021 - PAM Rehabilitation Hospital must discharge Evelyn. They begin making arrangements for Evelyn to be transferred to a Group Care Home. Currently, all of her belongings remain in a storage unit.

1/14/2021 - Jo Ann finally received the paperwork that is actually not a one page form to sign, it is the lease agreement and HUD information which is 49 pages long. It is signed by Evelyn and sent in by fax at PAM Rehabilitation Hospital. Jo Ann is informed Section 8 inspection can proceed in 7-10 Days! Later that night, Evelyn is discharged to an Independent Living Care Home without notifying her Social Worker Jo Ann. She is not told where she is going. She is confused, scared and in a lot of pain. She arrives at the Care Home at 11:00 PM with just her pain medication that was prescribed at PAM Rehab Hospital, and without her regular medications for her heart condition, Parkinson's, and anti-depressants, etc.

1/15/2021 - Sometime in the morning, the Care Home Administrator asks Evelyn for payment by credit/debit card for her stay and tells Evelyn that she charged \$100 for her stay. In the early evening at 5:00 pm, Jo Ann calls Evelyn's cell phone and finds out that she had been transferred in the middle of the night and she cannot tell Jo Ann where the Care Home is located. It takes at least 2 hours for Jo Ann and Nina to find out where Evelyn has been transferred to and to talk with the care home administrator regarding her care. Evelyn is very agitated and doesn't know where her regular medications are. Jo Ann contacts Caregiver Mary, who was unaware that Evelyn had been moved, to locate Evelyn's meds.

1/16/2021 - Nina Ten visits the Independent Care Home at 10:30 AM to calm down Evelyn and to explain to her what is happening. Nina tells Evelyn that this situation is temporary - for just 2 weeks until we can get her moved into her apartment. Evelyn is highly agitated, angry, in pain and she is displaying tremors from her Parkinson's. She has had no regular meds for over 48 hours, just her pain medication. Caregiver Mary arrives later in the afternoon to administer Evelyn's medications, feed her and assist her with a bath.

1/24/2021 - 8 days go by... Evelyn is receiving care from her PCA Caregiver Mary and she is feeling better. We are still waiting for HUD and the Section 8 inspection to be done.

1/25/2021 - Caregiver Mary calls Nina to inform her that she has just tested positive for COVID-19 and will be in quarantine for the next 14 days or more. Another Caregiver will be assigned to Evelyn's daily care and they discuss how to coordinate the move and transfer the keys to the storage unit to Nina.

1/27/2021 - Evelyn calls Nina to find out about her situation and when she will be moved. She is calm and rested, but still anxious about her move and wants to know where her belongings are.

2/02/2021 - Social Worker Jo Ann finds out that Evelyn was actually charged \$1080.00 by the Care Home for her stay for 30 days. Evelyn has until February 15th to move out before she will be charged for another month to stay at the Care Home. Jo Ann receives an email notification that HUD has completed the Section 8 inspection and that Evelyn can get moved in after she signs her lease agreement at Harmon Pines on Friday 2/5 and sets up her NV Energy account before move-in day.

2/03/2021 - The owner/administrator of the PCA Agency assists Evelyn to pay her Storage Unit for another 30 Days. Costs are about \$200. Arrangements are made for transportation by the PCA owner to take Evelyn to Harmon Pines on Friday 2/5 to sign her lease agreement and to pay her prorated rent for February and Security Deposit. Social Worker Jo Ann makes arrangements to assist Evelyn with activating an account with NV Energy to turn on the power for her new apartment. Nina Ten makes arrangements to coordinate the move of Evelyn's belongings from the Storage Unit to the new apartment. The move-in date is still unknown.

Certificate of Recognition

Presented to:

Las Vegas Personal Care Ltd.

Las Vegas City Councilman Brian Knudsen honors Las Vegas Personal Care Ltd., located in Ward 1, for their home health services to our community. Your commitment and dedication is greatly cherished. Thank you for your work!

August 5, 2021



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BK", is written over a horizontal line.

Councilman Brian Knudsen

Cheyenne LaRance

From: Gregory Gray
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 1:25 PM
To: John Perazzo; Cheyenne LaRance
Cc: Harry Williams
Subject: RE: Ward 5, Senior Citizens' Advisory Board meeting 8/5, support document

Thank you so much.

***"Our great possibility comes from each other."
- Mike Green (When People Care Enough to Act)***

Gregory Gray

Community Program Technician

City of Las Vegas

Office of Community Services - Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Engagement

Senior Services, Veteran Services Initiative

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To: Cheyenne LaRance <clarance@lasvegasnevada.gov>
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Subject: Ward 5, Senior Citizens' Advisory Board meeting 8/5, support document

As mentioned in my report.

Respectfully submitted,

John A Perazzo

Member representing Ward 5

Senior Citizens' Advisory Board (1st Thursdays at 1pm)

Outreach Subcommittee (Every other 2nd Thursday)

City of Las Vegas, Nevada

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From: Patti McGuire <PMcGuire@seaslv.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 1, 2021 1:34 PM
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<SeniorAdvisoryBoard@LasVegasNevada.GOV>; Harry Williams <hwilliams@LasVegasNevada.GOV>
Subject: RE: Helping a fellow get his ID card. He got it!

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Dear Mr. Perazzo,

Thank you for reaching out and sharing the news about Noi receiving his Nevada ID card. I was not aware, so reading this wonderful news made my day!

Noi is a good man who has been put in a position not of his own making. He has struggled to find someone who would listen and help him for over a year and a half without any results. Every place he went, he was told different information and requirements. Receiving a Nevadan ID will hopefully open doors and assistance. At the end of the day, Noi is a US citizen who was not treated with the dignity he deserves.

Thank you for recognizing his struggle and sharing his story with others. I look forward to attending the meeting on August 5th (live stream).

God bless,

Patti McGuire
St Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church
Pastoral Associate – Human Concerns Ministry
Outreach & Food Pantry Coordinator
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From: John Perazzo [mailto:bcc_jperazzo@LasVegasNevada.GOV]

Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 8:40 AM

To: Patti McGuire <PMcGuire@seaslv.org>

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Subject: Helping a fellow get his ID card. He got it!

Ms. Patti McGuire
Pastoral Associate for Human Concerns
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
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Las Vegas, NV 89128

Dear Ms. McGuire,

Thank you for the help you and the Human Concerns department at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church gave a certain fellow over the last year who lost his I.D. card and could not prove his citizenship. I met him at a bus stop downtown yesterday before the big downpour that evening. I believe his story is one worth telling.

I didn't get his name but he was quite happy to have finally gotten a standard I.D. card. Without his ID, he was denied citizenship privileges for the last year and a half. This included COVID-19 assistance and even being able to visit a casino. He wondered why he wasn't able to get his ID a year and a half ago. Dripping with sweat, he paced back in forth in front of the bus bench to cool down. He carried a nice bag which he later showed me contained a thick, three-ring binder of all his important documents. I wondered later if any of these papers were printed with an ink jet, what would happen if they got wet! The bus ride was short for me, but he said he was just grateful to get on any bus before his two-hour pass expired. (I didn't know the downpour which was about to happen within the next hour.)

I'm a member of the City of Las Vegas Senior Citizens' Advisory Board which meets the first Thursday of every month at City Hall at 1 pm. You can stream the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/user/KCLVChannel2> or attend in person. In August, we will be presenting a Senior Recognition Award to a few citizens for their outstanding service to a senior whose landlord no longer accepted her section 8 housing allowance last year. (Please see Item #6 at <https://lasvegas.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?compiledMeetingDocumentFileId=21255>, item #6, particularly the testimonial of Ms. Evelyn Bonner-Drapes on pages 3 and 4.)

I will be presenting this letter as well.

Thank you for your work and advocacy over the years in our community.

Respectfully submitted,

John A Perazzo
Member representing Ward 5
Senior Citizens' Advisory Board (1st Thursdays at 1pm)
Outreach Subcommittee (Every other 2nd Thursday) [suspended until further notice]
City of Las Vegas, Nevada

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