



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS PERAZZO, GALATI, MOZDEAN and BIENENSTEIN

EXCUSED: MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL, PATTARETTU and DRUMM

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.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2020

Motion made by Caroline Mozdean to Approve

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

5. Discussion for possible action to consider Evelyn Pacheco, Founder of Nevada Women in Trades, as a nominee for the Senior Recognition Award – All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, said EVELYN PACHECO, Founder of Nevada Women in Trades, made history as Nevada's first Black female to be licensed as a plumber. She is also an Army Veteran, mother and grandmother. MS. PACHECO had applied to work for the union training program with plumbers, pipe fitters and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) Local Union 525, and worked as an apprentice for five years while taking care of her family. She leveraged her experience to help all women through her Nevada Women in Trades organization, a non-profit forum to increase the number of women in trades. Nevada Women in Trades established the Pipeline Comprehensive program, which is their signature program offering a 190-hour pre-apprenticeship training program delivered in small group classes 20 hours per week over a six-week period. Pipeline students will receive their completion

certification in OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration), CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), first aid, forklift awareness and participate in trade facility visits and attend presentations by trade representatives. The program has helped increase career opportunities in the construction industry for low-income, ex-prisoners, veterans, homeless and disenfranchised women. January 28, 2020 marked the first graduation ceremony for Nevada Women in Trades where students were honored and presented with graduation certificates by North Las Vegas COUNCILWOMAN PAMELA GOYNES BROWN. MS. PACHECO has served as an excellent community partner with the City of Las Vegas, having participated in City events such as Ward 5's Love on Jackson event to help celebrate the spirit and revitalization of Jackson Avenue, as well the Veterans Services Initiative Career Expo, which was an exclusive event to help veterans, their spouses and their families find employment in Las Vegas. Nevada Women in Trades continues to overcome obstacles and empower women, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing virtual training starting October 26th.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said MS. PACHECO had an amazing list of accomplishments, and has done so much for the community.

DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAR advised that in the future, these agenda items do not have to include a specific name. He also clarified that if the Board approved this item, it will be to nominate MS. PACHECO, and a subsequent item to present the award will be placed on a future agenda.

When CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON asked if a motion should be made, MR. DOROCAR confirmed a vote should be taken to name or not name MS. PACHECO as a nominee for the Senior Recognition Award.

Motion made by John Perazzo to Approve the nomination

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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

6. 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 recently spoke to UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) in regards to a community partnership for the Opening Doors Project, which will be focused on seniors in Las Vegas. The goal is to build capacity between seniors and local organizations, and students from UNLV will survey and collect data regarding seniors to help establish a foundation to build a comprehensive senior network. Americorps VISTA has been tasked to establish a Legacy Project that is long lasting and impactful to the city, and ELLEN DUFFY, Americorps VISTA, has expressed interest in pursuing a project specifically for seniors, and will be assisting Senior Services.

MR. GRAY spoke of a senior who called his office that is facing mobility issues. Even though she qualifies for free personal care assistance, she cannot locate the assistance. Her son reached out to the City to express his desperation, and staff is working to assist. Staff is also working with Silver State Fair Housing to address a possible ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance issue within her apartment building. Another individual called the Office of Community Services seeking assistance for his senior parents who are facing major repair issues and did not have the income to make the repairs. Staff found that the individuals live outside of the City of Las Vegas limits and would not qualify for the Rebuilding Together program, but staff referred him to veteran-related services for further assistance.

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

Minutes:

Ward 1 – MEMBERBIENENSTEIN said COUNCILMAN KNDUSEN hosted a clean-up at Bob Baskin Park, and Ward 1 had been relatively quiet.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI said he received a call from a senior who had a pipe burst in her residence.

Insurance covered all but \$1,200 of the repairs, but she could not afford to pay the remaining balance. MEMBER GALATI opened a donation pool, and \$1,100 was collected within days. He said this senior is not the only one facing these issues, and wondered how he could guide her in advance because she only makes \$1,400 per month and does not speak much English. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said there are agencies, such as Helping Hands of Las Vegas Valley, that may be able to assist. When asked what language the individual speaks, MEMBER GALATI said she speaks Russian. The Chair called upon anybody who may be able to assist, as language barriers do become a very big problem to seniors.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said it had been interesting speaking to seniors that are receiving scam calls for various reasons. She wants to see everyone educating seniors and letting them know that the government and other agencies will not ask for private information over the phone. She said the crime rate had been up in Ward 4, and she has called the Metropolitan Police Department herself many times. Housing remains the number one priority, and she spoke of the eviction moratorium expiring on October 15th. The Chair said as restrictions are loosened around the state, she wants to make sure the public is aware that there is still a vulnerable population.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said Ward 4 is hosting a drive through Halloween Family Event on October 23rd at 6:30 p.m., and she encouraged all to bring seniors and get them out of the house. Additionally, she is part of a group for PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) claimants, where there are 17,000 other members. She reached out to one of the group's administrators, who is working with ASSEMBLYWOMAN BARBARA BUCKLEY, to ask how many seniors are being affected. She told the Chair that a large number of seniors are affected by the pandemic and have not been paid. The Chair advised that information on COVID-19 testing can be seen at [SNHD.info/covid](https://snhd.info/covid), and testing sites can be found at [SNHD.info/covid-19/testing/sites](https://snhd.info/covid-19/testing/sites). She noted that people over the age of 65 should be tested along with anyone who plans on visiting someone who may have a higher risk of contracting the virus. In closing, CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON spoke of a neighbor who went to the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) with an appointment, but he still had to wait a long time and ended up falling. He did not receive any assistance and had to crawl to the window. She said every business should be compliant in making sure seniors and the disabled are taken care of. She clarified for MEMBER PERAZZO that the group she is a part of is on Facebook, and MS. BUCKLEY was named to the Task Force in order to assist.

Ward 5 – MEMBER PERAZZO said Ward 5 hosted a garden clean-up sponsored by Get Outdoors Nevada. He said the City Council has been voting on housing projects lately, and spoke of an area at the end of Fremont Street where there are two older hotels used for Veteran housing. He created a PowerPoint presentation regarding COVID-19 positivity rates, and submitted a copy for the record, which is attached as backup. MEMBER PERAZZO said the Historic Westside Legacy Park was accepting nominations this month, and construction is expected to be complete by December 2021. He felt that the Westside itself needs recognition for the people who have come out of there. He said the Kit Carson National Academy on D Street had been renamed to Helen Tollen Elementary School. MS. TOLLEN was the first Black woman Principal in the Clark County School District. He said with the advancement of technology, it has been difficult to screen scams. He spoke of the National Older Workers Career Center, and felt there needed to be more senior friendly content. In closing, MEMBER PERAZZO referenced www.RapidTest.org, and said it may not be as accurate as other tools, but it would still be helpful.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said she and DR. CHAD KINGSLEY, Southern Nevada Health District, spoke about MEMBER PERAZZO'S report, and felt that it contained detailed, important information. She said more rapid testing will be going out to senior facilities, and felt it was wonderful that better tools are being used.

MEMBER GALATI said Councilmembers should be asking their constituents to receive a flu shot.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN said Ward 6 has been quiet, but there has been progress made at Floyd Lamb Park. When available and safe to do so, she asked the public to invite seniors to enjoy the park. There are numerous parking lots that are easily accessible, and families of all ages are welcome. She said Ward 6 is hosting a Movie in the Park at the Centennial Hills Amphitheatre on October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, Ward 6 is also hosting Spooktacular on Saturday, October 31st at Floyd Lamb Park. She reaffirmed the information given by other members regarding scam calls, and noticed a great increase herself. Following the presentation given by DR. SONDRAGROVE, League of Women Voters of Nevada, MEMBER

MOZDEAN had been working on a flyer with her information and will have something ready shortly. She plans to tape the flyers at assisted living and nursing facilities to remind the staff about how safe mail-in voting can be if it is done correctly.

8. 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.

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON reminded everyone that Subcommittee meetings will not be held until further notice; therefore, any suggestions would be for the next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting.

MEMBER BIENENSTEIN asked what ward EVELYN PACHECO, Nevada Women in Trades, lives in, and GREGORY GRAY, Community Program Technician, advised that MS. PACHECO is a resident of Ward 5 and operates out of Ward 1.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON spoke of housing, and wanted insight from agencies providing housing. Additionally, she asked to discuss how they can reach seniors in a time like this. She had the idea of passing out a City survey to seniors, and asked members to e-mail MR. GRAY if they had any more ideas. MEMBER PERAZZO was in agreeance, and thanked the Chair.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON thought the Board should discuss scams and how to educate the seniors. MEMBER PERAZZO spoke of truth literacy training, and said he would look into more information.

MEMBER GALATI asked about a contingency plan and utilizing teleconferencing to keep the Board in touch in the event they cannot meet. Additionally, he said the State issues a housing report every year, which is very informative, and he urged everyone to review it. He wondered if the State is doing anything to earmark vacant buildings for seniors, and said Main Street is a great area for senior housing. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON spoke of an e-mail from MARCO VELOTTA, Senior Management Analyst, regarding the 2050 Master Plan, and said the members should give feedback regarding making sure seniors are accommodated in this plan.

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.

Minutes:

None.

10. **Adjournment**

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CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON announced the next Senior Citizen Advisory Board meeting would be held on November 5, 2020, and there would be no Subcommittee meetings until further notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 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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www.lasvegasnevada.gov and
The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov