



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 (via teleconference), GALATI, MOZDEAN, PATTARETTU, DRUMM and WILLIAMS

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, JEFF DOROCAK, Assistant City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LARANCE, Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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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.

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None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2022

Motion made by Jennifer Drumm to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

5. Report by Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I, Department of Neighborhood Services, regarding senior issues received by the Department of Neighborhood Services – All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, Department of Neighborhood Services, asked the Board to think about what goals they would like to see for Senior Services moving in to 2023. Staff has seen a significant increase in rent, especially for seniors, and many are suffering from various stages of mental decline. He spoke of a senior who reached out to the City regarding their homeowner's association but the conversation was incessant, which is an early sign of mental deterioration; therefore, staff was advised to contact Adult Protective Services. MR. GRAY stressed that adults must consent to services, and he asked the Members to keep that in

mind when they encounter a senior who may need help. Additionally, he reported that a new program is being piloted out of Howard Lieburn Senior Center that allows appointments for senior services, but someone can call any center within city limits and MR. GRAY will personally visit that center to help the senior in need.

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

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Ward 1 – MEMBER WILLIAMS had nothing to report.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI had nothing to report.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL attended COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN'S Breakfast Buzz, where they conversed about the Board's goals and she asked the Councilwoman to attend a meeting. She said there is a lot going on at Bruce Trent Park, including the weekly farmer's market that is held every Wednesday.

Ward 3 – MEMBER DRUMM reported on a senior safety seminar that was held on September 29th at the Bonanza Pines Senior Apartments, and Las Vegas Fire and Rescue reiterated the importance of the Vial of Life program. She said October 4th was National Night Out, and a Ward 3 senior luncheon will be held on November 18th.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON attended a health fair in Sun City with COUNCILMAN STAVROS ANTHONY, and she was pleased to report that it was well attended. A Movie in the Park event featuring The Addams Family 2 will be held on October 14th, and the annual Ward 4 Halloween event will be held on October 21st. The Chair said next week is National Aging in Place Week, and the National Aging in Place Council will be hosting Zoom webinars all week on various topics such as navigating bereavement and home modifications. She submitted an informational flyer for the record, a copy of which is attached as backup. Lastly, she reminded everyone that the AEP (Annual Enrollment Period) is coming up and LINDA BELL can be reached at 702-506-1256 with any questions. Some of the supplemental plans include transportation to medical appointments and have their own centers.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN reported that October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and there are a lot of older dogs available that may be good for seniors. A Movie in the Park event featuring The Addams Family 2 will be held on October 7th. The Centennial Hills Active Adult Center has expanded their programming and many activities do not have a fee. The Springs Preserve is holding their Haunted Harvest event on October 22-23 and 29-30. A conversation will be held with the two Ward 6 candidates on October 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lastly, she encouraged the public to sign up for the City newsletters.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETTU visited the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center earlier in the day, and she reported that a Medicare representative will be there every second and fourth Wednesday. A woman also stopped her and questioned why contractors were removing the trees at Polly Gonzalez Memorial Park and not replacing them. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said this was brought up at last month's meeting, and staff is aware of it.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON reminded the public about the City of Las Vegas Seniors Facebook group.

7. 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 would like to see a discussion item surrounding the Senior Recognition Award and clarifying its parameters.

MEMBER DRUMM reminded the Board that Las Vegas Fire and Rescue offered to come speak about the Vial of Life program. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL supported the idea.

The Chair said she received an e-mail from MEMBER WILLIAMS requesting a presentation from RTC (Regional Transportation Commission), and she confirmed it is in the works.

MEMBER WILLIAMS spoke of a medical assistance lobbying group called Compassionate Choices, and he wondered if they could address the Board before the next Legislative Session begins.

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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ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC read an e-mail submission from JOHN PERAZZO, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

MEMBER GALATI wondered what efforts were being made to assist seniors with voting. He will be discussing this with COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN. GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, Department of Neighborhood Services, said this was outside of the Board's purview, but he would look to local voting organizations that are affiliated with political parties. He knew some were going door-to-door, but seniors can be very hesitant to answer the door to a stranger and discuss politics. MR. GRAY said individuals could call his office at 702-229-6690 and he would try point them in the right direction.

MEMBER MOZDEAN said she has been contacting different homeowner's association management companies, asking them to stay in touch with their seniors and assist them when necessary.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON recalled a presentation from the Women's League of Voters, and she suggested having individuals call there for further direction. She also knew of a few assisted living centers that are hosting speakers. The best thing to do is refer them to MR. GRAY, the League of Women Voters or the Clark County Election Department. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAC agreed, and added that he and MR. GRAY would work with MEMBER GALATI on a potential presentation if they can identify a specific topic.

MEMBER GALATI had concerns about the communication within assisted living facilities and whether or not they are preventing seniors from voting. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said their decisions are always made through their corporate offices, and she would provide him with more information.

9. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON advised the next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting would be held on November 3, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cheyenne LaRance, Deputy City Clerk

Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I

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