



## Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, JEFF DOROCAK, Assistant City Attorney, and CHEYENNE LARANCE, Senior 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](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and The Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://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 March 2, 2023

Motion made by Tim Williams to Approve

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

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

### 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, reported that his office has been receiving a number of calls from seniors in regards to housing. Some are looking to relocate because they cannot afford their current residence, or they are facing other concerns such as mold. They have also received several calls from seniors who are concerned about the rising cost of utilities such as gas and electricity.

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

Minutes:

Ward 1 – MEMBER WILLIAMS had nothing to report but asked GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, if there was anything the Board could do to address the concerns stated under Item 5. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK said that could be discussed under Item 8.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI had nothing to report.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL advised that COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN will be observing the May Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting. The Member attended the Councilwoman's last luncheon and they discussed policing and homelessness in Ward 2. Representatives from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) were present to answer some of her questions.

Ward 3 – MEMBER DRUMM attended the Metro Downtown Area Command First Tuesday meeting where she learned a lot about the Corridor of Hope, and she felt it was a good idea for everyone to tour the facilities. She announced that Ward 3 will be holding a Document Shredding and Prescription Disposal event on April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON attended COUNCILWOMAN FRANCIS ALLEN-PALENSKE'S meet-and-greet along with her public safety forum that was held in collaboration with COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE. It was very informational, and she said the turnout was great. There are a lot of posts on the NextDoor app about utility rate increases and safety, and she found out that an older adult was mugged in the middle of the day at one of the grocery stores she frequents. With that in mind, the Chair said she is focused on putting more public safety events together. She continues to host aging in place educational events in the community, and she recently held one on finances. The following events were announced: Councilwoman Palenske Meet-and-Greets every third Friday at the Durango Hills YMCA from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Document Shredding and Medication Disposal at the Desert Shores Community Center on April 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Movie in the Park on May 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hills Amphitheater; and an Aging in Place seminar on May 11th at 3:00 p.m. at the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center. Lastly, the Chair said she consistently hears about housing, transportation, finances and healthcare.

Ward 5 – MEMBER LEE said he is employed with University Medical Center as a cook. He looked forward to learning and growing with the Board.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN said it has been nice to see the collaboration between Wards 4 and 6, and they had a great turnout for their public safety forum. MR. DOROCAK was there along with representatives from both wards. The public had the opportunity to ask questions, which made them feel more empowered. She attended an aging in place seminar and she encouraged the other members to attend because they are very informational. The Member reported that COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE holds meetings on the second Thursday of each month between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Lastly, she noted that the Councilwoman was very impressed with the presentation given by Helping Hands of Vegas Valley at the last meeting, and she is now working on scheduling regular luncheons for Ward 6 seniors.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETTU had nothing to report but noted that she met a person within the Indian community who partakes in social events with other seniors. They tend to meet at community centers, and they wondered if the Board could assist them in receiving a discount on room rentals for their gatherings. MR. DOROCAK said he did not think the City could assist with this matter, but MR. GRAY would follow up on it.

7. Discussion for possible action regarding Board Member outreach assignments between meetings – All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON explained the purpose of the item, and she suggested that each member make three to five contacts with seniors by way of attending events, visiting the active adult centers, etc.

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, added that the Members should visit the active adult center in their

respective wards, introduce themselves to the staff, then set up an event to speak with the individuals who visit that facility. He also advised that all members now have name tags along with business cards with his phone number if there are any issues. Further, he said the Board could discuss whether this item should be discussed monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly.

MEMBER GALATI thought it was a great idea to visit the active adult centers, and he added that it is important to be validated by the Councilmembers.

MEMBER MOZDEAN said she and MEMBER PATTARETTU have held a few events together, and she offered to assist the other members with event flyers.

MEMBER GALATI spoke of a publication that is geared towards younger individuals that explains how government functions. He said seniors do not use computers, and a handbook geared towards that population would be very beneficial. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON said she would love to discuss this more. MR. GRAY added that there used to be a Senior Citizens Advisory Board magnet that was distributed to the community, and those could be brought back. The Chair said she has had people asking for updated magnets.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK reiterated that the goal of this item is to decipher where the Board should direct their outreach efforts, then report back on it at the following meeting. He summarized from the conversation that the members will visit their respective active adult centers and reach out to three to five seniors. He also clarified that this is not mandatory, but visiting the centers is a good start.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON invited the other members to attend any of her outreach events.

8. Discussion for possible action regarding topics for future agenda items of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board – All Wards

Minutes:

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK recalled that at the last meeting, the Board decided to hold topic-based meetings going forward. Noting the recommendations MEMBER WILLIAMS made at the last meeting, he said the Board could verbalize more ideas at this time and then decide in what order those topics should be discussed.

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, understood that MEMBER WILLIAMS was interested in speaking about Compassion & Choices and hearing aid improvements for entertainment venues. Per the request of MR. GRAY'S leadership, the Board will be vacating their regular meeting on June 1st and instead hold a half-day retreat. A strategic facilitator will be present to help the Board better inform their decisions and form a strategic outreach plan. MR. GRAY felt it would be wise if the Board took tours of the Courtyard and the Recuperative Care Center. He also recommended that they meet individually with ANDREA MARTINEZ, Community Resources Manager, who will be able to inform each member of events in their respective wards along with assistance in creating their own events.

MEMBER WILLIAMS confirmed with MR. GRAY that a retreat will be held in lieu of a regular Board meeting, and that MR. GRAY can assist in coordinating meetings with MS. MARTINEZ. The Member then expressed that he hoped the Board could take action on at least one significant matter by the end of the year that will show the City Council that this is an actionable board. He has started the Hear Here campaign, an initiative to encourage entertainment venues to focus their audio into the hearing aids that are being worn by their guests at city entertainment venues. Right now, guests are supplied with a hearing device, but it is not tuned to their hearing and it may exasperate their existing issues. The technology could be installed at various City facilities, and the Board could encourage other commercial enterprises to install it as well. This could be a very exciting opportunity because Las Vegas is the largest entertainment venue in the world, and this will set an example for other cities across the county. MR. DOROCAK asked if there was a specific point of contact that he was suggesting, to which MEMBER WILLIAMS replied that there are several. The Member suggested informal meetings to narrow down who may best address their points of concern, and he offered to work with MR. GRAY on the matter. MEMBER GALATI asked if this has been enacted anywhere else, and MEMBER WILLIAMS said he is working on compiling a list of venues that have installed the technology. He is also looking for individuals that have hearing aids who can testify this actually works. As someone who entertains for seniors and serves

as a fall prevention specialist, CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON added that when there is even a .2 decibel loss, that individual is also at risk of falling. She would love to be a part of this, and she inquired if the entire Board could be at the informal meetings suggested by MEMBER WILLIAMS. MR. DOROCAK said if it was purely an informational event, the entire Board could attend. He confirmed MEMBER WILLIAMS would work with MR. GRAY on this and it would be considered as a future agenda item.

MEMBER WILLIAMS added that Compassion & Choices is before the legislature; therefore, he did not think the Board could have any influence at this point and wished to redact his request to have them speak at an upcoming meeting. Speaking to his prior suggestions of dedicated transportation for seniors, he advised that COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN is on the Board of Directors for the Regional Transportation Commission, and he may be able to assist. Lastly, he stressed that entertainment venues are not doing anything wrong. Rather, he feels they can improve their connectivity with the hearing impaired.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL supported the Hear Here initiative. She said another passion she has is mentoring between youth and seniors to end isolation. She has already discussed a mentorship program at her local active adult center, and they were in support.

MEMBER GALATI said he still feels the community centers are under-utilized. Although there are many senior-related events, there is not much attendance and the Members need to get more people involved. The centers provide a wholesome environment where people can socialize and it is a good place to disseminate information. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL added that many active adult centers are located near high schools, and she reiterated her passion for mentorship. MEMBER PATTARETTU wondered if the Board could distribute a survey to collect information and feedback for the Hear Here initiative, and MR. DOROCAK thought that was a great outreach effort. He said MR. GRAY will work with the four topics that have been verbalized by the Members, and this item will be kept on future agendas.

MEMBER WILLIAMS said he would like to have a more coagulated mission statement and wished to discuss this at the retreat. The Chair agreed, and she pointed out that socialization is the greater theme of this discussion.

MEMBER WILLIAMS thanked everyone for their participation.

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.

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None.

10. **Adjournment**

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CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON advised the next Senior Citizens Advisory Board meeting would be held on May 4, 2023, and more details would come from GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, on the upcoming retreat in June.


The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Cheyenne LaRance, Senior Deputy City Clerk



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Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I

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