



## Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS WEINSTEIN HALL (via teleconference), PATTARETTU, GALATI, MOZDEAN (via teleconference), LEE, and GRAHAM (excused until 1:06 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBER DRUMM

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney, and VANESSA CHAVEZ-HOLMAN, 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 December 7, 2023

Motion made by Yvette Weinstein Hall to Approve

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

5. Discussion for possible action regarding reporting framework for the 2024 Recommendation Report – All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, addressed the Board Member's recent communication regarding ensuring the transmission of information and recommendations to the Council offices. MR. GRAY mentioned his discussion with CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCAK, who suggested presenting recommendations to Councilmembers based on information provided at the end of each Board meeting. He explained that a report

would be crafted and sent to the Members and Councilmembers to keep the Council offices informed of ongoing discussions. This would allow for informed decision-making based on those recommendations.

CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON conveyed her enthusiasm for the consideration of the framework report, and she opined that top priorities of the Members should be this report. MR. GRAY reminded the Members to keep in mind that future agenda topics would also be included in the report.

MEMBERS PATTARETTU and WEINSTEIN HALL wondered whether the report would be ward-specific or consist of general recommendations. MR. GRAY confirmed that it could be ward-specific but clarified that it did not have to be. He explained that the report would offer a concise summary of discussions held during Board meetings but would also feature a breakdown of recommendations for each ward. He elaborated that the recommendations could pertain to all wards, and any ward-specific consideration would be incorporated into the report.

In response to CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON'S inquiry about the report's layout, MR. GRAY anticipated structure of the report would provide recommendations and the steps taken for those recommendations.

MEMBER GALATI reminded the Members that they have the option to raise concerns with their respective Councilmember for ward-specific issues. He noted that recommendations could become extensive and suggested sending them to MR. GRAY via e-mail. MR. GRAY mentioned that Members can send follow-up e-mails after each meeting to add anything to their initial recommendations. He noted that the report aims to encourage clear and concise communication between the Board and Councilmembers.

MEMBER LEE confirmed with MR. GRAY that the report would be completed once a month.

MEMBER GRAHAM commended the idea of the report, and she emphasized the importance of communication for everyone. She expressed concern about ensuring uniformity in the notes and questioned who would be responsible for compiling the monthly report to guarantee clear communication. MR. GRAY confirmed that he would prepare the report for the Members.

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL questioned the format and purpose of the report, noting she initially believed the Board would deliver a comprehensive recommendation to the Council offices at the end of the year. MR. GRAY clarified that this discussion was aimed to determine details such as whether the Board preferred a monthly, six-month, or annual report. He stated that it is a collective decision on the report's format and frequency. The Member suggested compiling recommendations throughout the year into a draft report that is released annually with five of the most important topics and issues; however, she expressed openness to a monthly report, emphasizing the importance of highlighting monthly accomplishments and raising awareness of issues for the Councilmembers. MR. GRAY reiterated that the monthly report could include steps taken or resolutions for recommendations, providing the Councilmembers with insights into the Board's actions. He also acknowledged MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL'S interest in senior and youth mentorship, mentioning that the Youth Developmental and Social Initiatives Department are open to providing a presentation on different types of mentorship.

CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON emphasized that monthly and yearly reports would strengthen relationships with the Councilmembers. She commended MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL'S idea of identifying five important topics, and she highlighted the importance of improved communication as the key to fostering stronger relationships with the Councilmembers.

MEMBER GALATI suggested sending recommendations directly to MR. GRAY to avoid potential duplicate recommendations. MR. GRAY stated that the report aims to prevent duplications; however, he proposed a mid-year review to assess discussed and pending matters. MEMBERS LEE and PATTARETTU agreed that a six-month report could be beneficial. MEMBER PATTARETTU noted that coordination of long-term and short-term goals with the Councilmembers would ensure they stay on target and address unmet needs in several active adult centers throughout the city. The Chair explained to MEMBER PATTARETTU that the purpose of the monthly report would facilitate action on unmet requirements, keep the Councilmembers informed and bridge communication gaps. MR. GRAY added that the report would also help refresh the Members on prior

discussions. He acknowledged that the report is a work in progress, and he encouraged everyone to identify what works and does not work as they progress with the report. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL echoed her agreement with the Chair and MR. GRAY, and she emphasized the importance of follow-ups for each recommendation.

CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON said that this report would supplement their ongoing discussions and provide a streamlined approach for the actions they intend to take. She stated that the report is a tool for enhanced communication and follow-up reminders within the Board. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL concurred with the Chair, and MEMBER MOZDEAN agreed with the direction of the reporting.

Motion made by Nicole Graham to Approve the framework for monthly, six-month, and year-end reports to the City Council

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

6. 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, introduced OLGA FLOWERS, Professional, to the Members. MS. FLOWERS was at the Boys and Girls Club as an Administrative Program Assistant, and staff is working hard to get her trained. The Members introduced themselves and welcomed MS. FLOWERS to the City. CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON and MEMBER MOZDEAN expressed their excitement for the experience she brings with her from the Boys and Girls Club. MS. FLOWERS said she was looking forward to working with the Members.

MR. GRAY noted that staff had been receiving phone calls from seniors regarding an increase in utility costs. He shared that a senior reached out to the Mayor's Office expressing concern for the increase while on a fixed income. MR. GRAY stated that staff will coordinate an on-site assessment of the senior's home for proper weatherization, and MS. FLOWERS will provide him with information about additional services and resources available to seniors. MR. GRAY added that he is actively looking for more information on other available energy assistance and equal pay programs.

MR. GRAY highlighted eligibility criteria for the upcoming Utility Tax Rebate Program. He said seniors 60 years of age or older who earn less than \$16,500 qualify, and the annual income limit for married individuals is \$18,900. In order to apply, applicants need to provide a copy of their 2023 NV Energy, Southwest Gas, and Century Link or Cox Communications telephone bills, along with their photo identification card, proof of income, and bill statements. He said those who would like to make an appointment should contact either the Centennial Hills Active Adult Center, Doolittle Active Adult Center, Dula Community Center, East Las Vegas Community Center or the Howard Lieburn Active Center.

MEMBER GALATI wondered if the information regarding the Utility Tax Rebate Program was included in utility bills sent to individuals. MR. GRAY could not confirm that, and he shared that he obtained the information from a KTNV Channel 13 article. MEMBER MOZDEAN said she has received this information in her utility bills.

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

Minutes:

Ward 1 – MEMBER GRAHAM said she assisted COUNCILMAN BRIAN KNUDSEN with serving food at several different senior centers. The Member stated it had been a great turnout and she looked forward to all the events taking place in 2024.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI attended the monthly meeting at the Veteran Memorial Center with COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN. He said it was a pleasure to speak with the Councilwoman as well as several other organizations that were in attendance. He shared that he spoke with an Engineering Project

Manager at the Nevada Department of Transportation regarding his concerns with faded street markings. The Member was told that street markings are usually repainted if the street is repaved, and he decided to take his concerns to the Councilwoman. He noted his recent concerns were focused towards traffic safety and accident prevention for seniors.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL wondered if the monthly senior newsletters sent out by the City are posted at the senior centers, and she pointed out that some seniors lack online access or knowledge to retrieve the letters digitally. She highlighted an upcoming open house at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on January 27, 2024, and she emphasized the availability of virtual classes through OLLI that focus on topics such as Medicare and other senior services. The Member opined that it was an excellent way for seniors to remain active, and she encouraged attendance. Moreover, she informed the Members about free vaccinations offered by Nevada Seniors Services for COVID-19, flu, shingles, pneumonia, and respiratory syncytial virus, which would help contribute to a healthier 2024. Lastly, she mentioned she would provide MR. GRAY with a website listing lawyers in Nevada who assist seniors with cases against Medicare and Medicaid.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON announced several events coming up in Ward 4. She reminded everyone of the Sun City Document Shredding event on January 6, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Mountain Shadows Clubhouse and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with the City Council at Police Memorial Park between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on January 6, 2024. The Chair stated she has attended the Law Enforcement Appreciation Day annually and is happy to celebrate those who help people in a time that scammers are so prevalent. Additionally, she mentioned the registration was open for the Love for All Pickleball Tournament. She encouraged as many people to attend, and she stated that more information can be found on the Ward 4 and 6 websites or at the Durango Hills Community Center. Moreover, the Board had been asked to participate in the Sun City Resources Fair to meet with seniors to discuss their needs and provide information on available resources. Lastly, CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON stated she will be hosting an event at the Dula Community Center on January 11, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with MATT PAXTON, Television Producer. She thanked MR. GRAY for researching information for available resources to seniors regarding their increased utility bills.

Ward 5 – MEMBER LEE previously mentioned his efforts to have areas within Ward 5 restriped, but acknowledged a lack of progress due to his schedule. He expressed intention to resume the efforts promptly. He discovered a solar company in Ward 5 targeting seniors and promoting installing solar panels supposedly funded by the City. He provided MR. GRAY with the business card he received, a copy of which was submitted for the record and attached as backup.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN stated that the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade will be on January 15, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. starting in Downtown Las Vegas. She thanked the Chair for mentioning the Love for All Pickleball Tournament, and she added the next meeting with COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE will be on January 11, 2024 at the Centennial Hills YMCA. She briefly highlighted the significance of the Kyle Canyon virtual workshops, and she reminded everyone that starting August 1, 2024 all pets over the age of four months will be required to have a microchip. She shared that the Animal Foundation will be providing free microchips for a limited time. Due to the limited supply, the Member suggested making an appointment as soon as possible, and she recommended scheduling through their website at [www.animalfoundation.com](http://www.animalfoundation.com). Additionally, she noted her ongoing attempts to reach the appropriate individuals at American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to speak with the Board in preparation for tax season.

Ward 6 – MEMBER PATTARETTU shared that she had the privilege of serving lunch to seniors at a senior center, and she reiterated MEMBER MOZDEAN'S announcement regarding preparing for tax season.

8. Discussion for possible action regarding next steps and future meeting topics of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board – All Wards

Minutes:

MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL recommended Members look into National Center of Law and Elder Rights webinars that discuss topics such as fraud, social security, and everything that could affect a senior. She asked

if senior citizen magazines or brochures were posted at the senior centers. GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, confirmed he would look into that for her.

MEMBER GRAHAM wondered if she could get an overview of recently discussed future meeting topics, and MR. GRAY agreed to provide those details. MEMBER LEE requested additional information about the solar panel company he previously mentioned. MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL shared concerns about neighborhoods being impacted by the rapidly growing presence of solar panel salespeople.

See Item 7 for related discussion.

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.

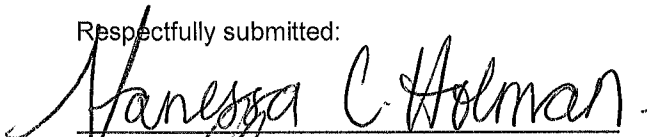
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON advised that the next Board meeting would be held on January 4, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Vanessa Chavez-Holman, Deputy City Clerk

  
Gregory Gray, Management Analyst II

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