



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: MEMBERS PATTARETTU, DRUMM, and GRAHAM

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I; OLGA FLOWERS, Community Program Technician; VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and VANESSA CHAVEZ-HOLMAN and SAMANTHA DINICOLA, Deputy City Clerks

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNONCEMENT 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.

Minutes:

None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2024

Motion made by Caroline Mozdean to Approve

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

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

5. Presentation by Sarah Ross, Senior Hunger Programs Supervisor with Three Square, regarding food programs and services for seniors and active adults

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON explained the speaker was not present and the item will be stricken.

Motion made by Yvette Weinstein Hall to Strike

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

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

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, reported that OLGA FLOWERS, Community Program Technician, had surveyed 112 seniors across the city to recognize needs for the Care Coordination Program. MR. GRAY stated that results would be shared with the Members, and they will continually receive monthly updates as results come in.

MEMBER MOZDEAN thanked MR. GRAY for the survey and wondered if it would be broken down by ward. MR. GRAY replied that the results are broken down by ward. He said surveys are conducted by geographical location and Wards 4 and 6 are combined due to them both including Centennial Hills. He noted some seniors are hesitant to provide their geographical location, and they hoped to identify them by ward moving forward.

MEMBER GALATI questioned if there would be an e-mail or link with the information, and MR. GRAY responded that it would be sent to their email or a physical copy could be provided. MR. GRAY also noted that survey results for Ward 2 were in progress.

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

Minutes:

Ward 1 – GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, read into the record an update of events for MEMBER GRAHAM. MEMBER GRAHAM attended the March 25th Resident Council voting at Charleston Heights Senior Living, and she will coordinate with the Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority on any supportive services available within Ward 1. She noted there is a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on April 4th with COUNCILMAN BRIAN KNUDSEN located at Red Rock Harley Davidson, 2260 South Rainbow Boulevard, addressing the negative effects their annual events have on the community. The Councilman was at an event at Decatur Commons Family Apartments (Decatur Commons) on April 4th that had great senior attendance, and the family side of Decatur Commons will host a Pizza and Games event on April 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ward 2 – MEMBER GALATI noted he is working with Veterans Memorial Community Center to provide more activities for seniors. The facility is limited in what it offers, and he plans to meet with NICOLE KOERWITZ, Recreation Coordinator, to add more classes for seniors. He opined it is important to get seniors involved outside of their homes, and he will report back with results. The Member listed the following upcoming events: Breakfast Buzz at Veterans Memorial Community Center, Document Shredding and Medication Disposal at Pavilion Center Pool, and Art in the Park on April 20th.

Ward 2 – MEMBER WEINSTEIN HALL reported that she went to the Farmer's Market at Downtown Summerlin and handed out business cards to promote seniors being active in the community. She believed it was a great event for seniors to attend and planned on attending the Farmer's Market at Bruce Trent Park to hand out business cards. The Member agreed with MEMBER GALATI about Veterans Memorial Community Center needing additional senior programs and wished him luck in having them added.

Ward 4 – CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON stated that she continuously receives e-mails about seniors needing assistance with housing and transportation and expressing concern about other seniors being isolated. She noted that security was also a major concern for seniors within the city. She recommended attending a First Tuesday with Metro (Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department) noting they recently held First Tuesday at the Northwest Area Command with great turnout compared to prior events. Further it provided a lot of information for citizens. The Chair added that she received numerous calls regarding veterans, and she offered to present

any programs she discovers to a future meeting. She noticed the news had been more senior focused, and she hoped to assist them in the future.

Ward 5 – MEMBER LEE expressed concerns at Doolittle Community Center and Park in the evenings regarding large dogs roaming without a leash, and he wondered if the Marshals were able to patrol the area more. He noted the membership at the community center was declining due to the nearby Martin Luther King Jr. Senior Center that offers free meals. He wondered if there was a grant or program available to offer free meals at Doolittle Community Center. CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON noted that she met with people from the library that had mentioned the free meal program, and she also wanted to know if could be implemented.

Ward 6 – MEMBER MOZDEAN reported that Bocaditos with Brune will be held on April 11th at the Centennial Hills YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association), and she said the event had a lot of attendance in the past and reached max capacity. She advised there are cards to fill out for items not addressed at the meeting and COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE'S office will reach out at a later date. She noted Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs hosts a farmer's market on two Saturdays per month, and Wards 4 and 6 are planning to do a senior trip with the details being worked out. She also noticed the senior center at the Centennial Hills YMCA had the same group of seniors attending the events, and she wanted to get in touch with additional seniors in the area. She advised utility companies in the city offer free usage evaluations at no cost to help lower monthly bills. The Member responded to MEMBER LEE'S suggestion for free meals at community centers and noted she had received mixed reviews about these programs due to the growing unhoused population and safety concerns. MEMBER MOZDEAN explained that she met with a representative from ArchWell Health about presenting at a later meeting, and she relayed their contact information to GREGORY GRAY. CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON said she had worked with the organization in the past, and they offer activities at their centers. She opined it would be beneficial for members to find locations in their ward and see if they take their medical insurance. MEMBER MOZDEAN agreed.

MR. GRAY advised the Members to call the Care Coordination Line through the City at 702-229-1200 if they come across a veteran in need. He or JO SIMMONS, Administrative Support Assistant, will provide information or get them in touch with a Veterans Services Officer. MR. GRAY addressed MEMBER MOZDEAN'S concern regarding senior outreach, noting that all Members have access to the Health and Wellness Team and the Neighborhood Services Outreach Team for help coordinating events with seniors in their community.

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

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON noted that GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, was coordinating a list of topics the Board would like to discuss in the future. She explained how BARBARA OJITO paid a contractor who claimed to be licensed. She paid him \$8,000 to make her patio wheelchair accessible, but the contractor took the money and never completed the work. Local news outlets heard MS. OJITO'S story and wanted to help, and STEVE KOUBA, local contractor with ARIAT Electric, fixed the patio for free. The Chair thought this was exemplary humanitarian work and wanted to award MR. KOUBA a certificate for helping a citizen at a later meeting. She wanted to encourage others within the community to step up and help those in need.

MEMBER MOZDEAN thanked CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON for telling that story and noted it was similar to the story she reported in 2022 with MICHAEL BEEBE and 702 PlumbAIR. She agreed with the Chair and opined that businesses and individuals within the city that go above and beyond should be recognized. MR. GRAY noted they have discussed this with CITY ATTORNEY JEFF DOROCÁK and the decision ultimately lies with the Board. It would be the nominating Member's responsibility to bring the pertinent information to the Board, and then the Board would make a decision regarding the nomination. MEMBER MOZDEAN recalled the discussion and stated they had not decided if there should be a difference between nominating a business as a whole or an individual. CHAIR O'REAR CAMERON and MEMBERS MOZDEAN and GALATI wondered if this could be added to the next meeting's agenda. Further, they questioned how to narrow down nominations to qualified candidates, and if there would be legal repercussions if the nominees advertised the award. MR. GRAY replied it would be added to a future agenda, stating that they can decide on the number of monthly nominations. He said there would be no legal ramifications for awarding certificates due to there being no monetary gain.

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 May 2, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha DiNicola, Deputy City Clerk



Gregory Gray, Management Analyst I

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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