



Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON and MEMBERS GRAHAM, MOZDEAN (via teleconference), DRUMM (via teleconference), TILZER, and YOUNG (excused until 1:05 p.m.)

EXCUSED: MEMBERS GALATI and LEE

ALSO PRESENT: GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I; CRISLOVE IGELEKE, Deputy City Attorney IV; and NICK CRAWFORD, 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: Civic Center Building A, 525 South Main Street, 1st Floor; City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; and the City of Las Vegas website - www.lasvegasnevada.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 4, 2025

Motion made by Nicole Graham to Approve

Passed For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-Deanne O'Rear-Cameron, Jennifer Drumm, Caroline Mozdean, Nicole Graham, David Tilzer, Linda Young; Excused-Vito Galati, Charles Lee;

5. Presentation by David Ricketts, Navy Veteran and Fire Safety Advisor, LV Fires LLC, regarding fire safety and preparedness - All Wards

Minutes:

DAVID RICKETTS, LV Fires LLC (LV Fires), utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was not submitted for the record, to provide information on in-home fire safety with emphasis on the risks facing seniors. LV Fires has partnered with the Clark County Fire Department since 2015 and with the North Las Vegas Fire Department for the past two years. He shared that they are referred by local fire departments to provide free home safety evaluations, educational presentations, fire extinguishers, and fire blankets to community

members. He explained that his mission was rooted in personal experience, as he nearly died in a house fire at the age of four, which led him to dedicate his career to fire prevention and education. MR. RICKETTS discussed several of the most common causes of residential fires and carbon monoxide incidents. He noted that carbon monoxide poisoning often results from poorly maintained appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces, and air conditioning units. He emphasized the importance of proper carbon monoxide alarm placement and explained that many store-bought alarms do not activate until gas levels are already dangerously high. In kitchens, he identified countertop appliances, such as air fryers, coffee makers, and toaster ovens, as a fire hazard, particularly when they are left plugged in after use. Additionally, garage fires can be caused by plugged-in tools, stored flammable materials, and gas-powered and electric vehicles. Laundry room fires are also common, with approximately 16,000 occurring annually, often due to clogged lint traps and unclean dryer vents. MR. RICKETTS shared that lithium-ion battery fires from cell phones and laptops are extremely difficult to extinguish and produce toxic fumes, making evacuation the safest response. He stressed that electrical fires within walls, ceiling fans, outlets, and bathroom fans can occur unexpectedly. He addressed the limitations of ionization smoke alarms, which are commonly installed in homes and may fail to detect slow, smoldering fires. He explained that many homes, particularly those built in the 1970s and 1980s, only meet outdated minimum fire codes and may lack sufficient alarms. MR. RICKETTS highlighted that most fatal fires occur between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., noting the importance of installing alarms in every sleeping area, closing bedroom doors at night, ensuring windows are accessible for escape, and practicing family escape plans. He added that modern homes burn up to eight times faster than older homes, sometimes leaving as little as three minutes to escape.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON acknowledged that the three-minute escape window is particularly alarming for seniors. MR. RICKETTS explained that improved early detection systems and comprehensive home evaluations can provide additional warning time. He added that LV Fires offers in-home safety assessments, advanced detection systems with text notifications, and financing options for equipment starting at approximately \$27 per month.

MEMBER YOUNG shared a story about a young child who saved her family after learning fire safety procedures, and she emphasized the need to reinforce this education among seniors. MR. RICKETTS shared that his company's website is lvfires.com, and he encouraged seniors to schedule a home safety evaluation.

MEMBER TILZER described his home evaluation experience with LV Fires and stated that he implemented many recommended changes. He offered to coordinate MR. RICKETTS with a group of seniors in Sun City for a presentation. MR. RICKETTS shared that MARY FAIRHURST has been helpful in coordinating meetings with block captains. He added that LV Fires had given presentations to churches, HOAs (homeowners' associations), and schools.

In response to MEMBER MOZDEAN, MR. RICKETTS explained that the recommended height placement of carbon monoxide detectors had been heavily debated, with some recommending installation five feet above the floor and others recommending placement on the ceiling. He stated that LV Fires follows a median placement approach. He noted that their carbon monoxide alarms are among the most sensitive available, as they test at 26 parts per million, whereas standard alarms typically do not activate until at least 70 parts per million, which can adversely affect pets, children, and seniors. The Member inquired about sprinkler systems, particularly in new homes. MR. RICKETTS reported that residential sprinkler systems activate only when a fire heats the ceiling to approximately 135 degrees and may not activate during a slow, smoldering fire that primarily produces smoke. He added that certain sprinkler systems require maintenance, including a hard flush of the entire system due to the hard water conditions in Southern Nevada.

CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON thanked MR. RICKETTS for the informative presentation and emphasized that the information is vital, particularly for seniors, as fire safety plays a significant role in aging in place.

6. Report by Olga Flowers, Community Program Technician, regarding senior issues received through the Health and Wellness Initiative - All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, appeared on behalf of OLGA FLOWERS, Community Program Technician, and stated that he had nothing to report.

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

Minutes:

Ward 1 - MEMBER GRAHAM encouraged everyone to subscribe to the Ward 1 and City of Las Vegas Arts & Culture newsletters.

Ward 3 - MEMBER DRUMM shared that she attended Bingo with Impact Seniors on January 14th with COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA DIAZ and attended First Tuesday with the Downtown Area Command. She advised that seniors could protect themselves by not clicking on links in e-mails from unknown individuals, hanging up on unsolicited phone calls requesting money, and verifying the identity of anyone they are sending money to. She explained that fraud can be reported at fbi.gov/elderfraud or ic3.gov. She concluded by stating that COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ would be attending Lunar New Year festivities at senior living communities later in the month.

Ward 4 - MEMBER TILZER reported ongoing Medicare and Medicaid scams targeting seniors and urged seniors to review their monthly summaries to ensure they reflect only items and services received. He stated that he attended Police Appreciation Day at Veterans Memorial Park and shared that the MORE (Multi-Agency Outreach Resource Engagement) Team was in attendance, offering direct services to seniors in need. The Member attended Slam the Scam on January 26th, noting that tellers at the Wells Fargo Bank in Sun City were questioning large withdrawals by seniors to help prevent potential scams.

Ward 4 - CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON shared that elder abuse and scams were prevalent in the valley and stated that partnerships with law enforcement agencies would be pursued to increase outreach efforts, particularly for isolated seniors. She noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult for seniors who do not drive to access food. The Chair reported two cases of elder abuse involving family members acting without power of attorney, which highlighted the mental and financial impacts of scams on seniors. She concluded by encouraging greater awareness and vigilance regarding potential elder abuse situations to help reduce scams.

Ward 5 - MEMBER YOUNG advised that she was leveraging partnerships with churches, neighborhood associations, and homeowners' associations, particularly in Ward 5. She stated that efforts were underway to identify additional resources to assist low-income seniors with home maintenance needs.

Ward 6 - MEMBER MOZDEAN shared that COUNCILWOMAN NANCY BRUNE hosted a town hall meeting featuring a speaker from the Las Vegas Valley Water District. She noted that many seniors were in attendance and actively engaged, asking questions about water conservation efforts to support growth in Southern Nevada.

8. Discussion regarding next steps and future meeting topics of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board - All Wards

Minutes:

GREGORY GRAY, Management Analyst I, shared that he would coordinate with the MORE (Multi-Agency Outreach Resource Engagement) Team and the SHIFT (Safe Home Improvements Funding and Training) Team to provide a presentation on the services they offer.

MEMBER YOUNG requested a presentation regarding service animals and how they support seniors both emotionally and physically. CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON agreed and offered to identify a presenter.

MEMBER MOZDEAN reminded everyone about the NV Energy Powershift Program, which offers free energy assessments, installation, and customization appointments. She emphasized the importance of this program for seniors in preparation for the summer months.

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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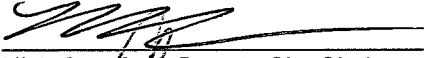
10. **Adjournment**

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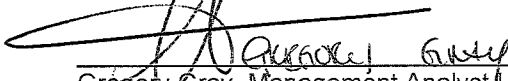
CHAIR O'REAR-CAMERON advised that the next Board meeting would be held on March 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nick Crawford, Deputy City Clerk



Gregory Gray, Management Analyst

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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The Nevada Public Notice website – notice.nv.gov

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