

Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Announcement

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-25-20, which allows Brown Act Body members to attend meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, Whittier Senior Advisory Committee Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with mandates of Executive Order No. N-29-20, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however public comments can be submitted below as instructed.

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Please submit email comments by 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure Senior Advisory Committee Members receive and have time to review them. All emails received by 12:00 p.m. are forwarded to the Committee. Emails received after 12:00 p.m. but before the conclusion of public comments will be entered into the record.

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Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 567-9400.

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF WHITTIER
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PALM PARK AQUATICS AND TENNIS CENTER, 5703 PALM AVENUE, WHITTIER
MAY 12, 2021, 1:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Irene Corral, Member
Geneva Crawford, Member
Rose Mary Garcia, Member
Stella Reyes, Member
Rachael Slifko, Member
Delia Morales, Vice Chair
Shirley Oebel, Chair

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Senior Advisory Committee regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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Pursuant to State law, the Committee cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2021.

5.B Information and Referral Update for January - March 2021

Recommendation: Receive and file the Information and Referral report for January to March 2021.

5.C Subcommittee Updates

Recommendation: Receive and file the Subcommittee report.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 7th day of May 2021.

MARTIN BROWNE

/s/

Martin Browne, Community Services Manager



Agenda Report

Senior Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2021

To: Senior Advisory Committee

From: Martin Browne, Community Services Manager
Alyssa Rico, Community Services Supervisor

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of March 10, 2021.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff hereby submits the draft minutes for Committee approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2021

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
PALM PARK AQUATICS AND TENNIS CENTER, 5703 PALM AVENUE, WHITTIER
MARCH 10, 2021 – 1:30 P.M.**

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to new Committee Member Rose Mary Garcia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Senior Advisory Committee of the City of Whittier met in Regular Session at the Palm Park Aquatics and Tennis Center, 5703 Palm Avenue, Whittier, California. Vice-Chair Morales called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Geneva Crawford, Member – via cell phone
Rose Mary Garcia, Member
Stella Reyes, Member
Rachael Slifko, Member
Delia Morales, Vice-Chair

ABSENT: Irene Corral, Member
Shirley Oebel, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Martin Browne, Community Services Manager
Alyssa Rico, Community Services Supervisor
Art Carrasco, Community Services Coordinator
Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chair Morales led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Manager Browne reported no public comments had been received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Crawford, seconded by Member Slifko, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2020 as submitted (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel).

5.B. Senior Advisory Committee – Bylaws, Member Terms of Office, and Subcommittees

Manager Browne explained permission was obtained from the City Clerk to temporarily extend the expired terms of Members Crawford, Slifko, and Garcia due to COVID-19 and the closure of the Senior Center. He stated this action enables quorum, and the extension will remain until restrictions are lifted, the Senior Center re-opens, and a new election can be held per the Committee's bylaws.

Vice-Chair Morales distributed a memorandum, written by Chair Oebel and herself, that highlighted a number of suggestions to update the Committee Bylaws, which included a change to the membership rule to allow members residing in Unincorporated Whittier to run for election on the Senior Advisory Committee.

Member Garcia expressed that she wanted to be added to the Programs Subcommittee.

It was motioned by Member Crawford, seconded by Member Garcia, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to approve the current subcommittee roster with the addition of Member Garcia to the Programs Subcommittee (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel).

Manager Browne stated a meeting would be held with the Bylaws Subcommittee to discuss possible changes to the bylaws, which can be presented to the Senior Advisory Committee Members at a future meeting.

In response to a question from Vice-Chair Morales about holding Senior Advisory Committee elections twice a year to fill the vacancies more effectively, Manager Browne stated that the Chair has the authority to appoint a new member throughout the year if a vacancy arises.

It was motioned by Member Crawford, seconded by Vice-Chair Morales, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, to receive and file the update on the Senior Advisory Committee Bylaws regarding Member terms of office and Subcommittees (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel).

5.C. Senior Center Building Update

Manager Browne informed the Committee that the Salvation Army agreement with the City for use of the Senior Center as an Emergency Homeless Shelter has been extended for an additional six-month period. He explained that once

the Salvation Army vacates the building, the Facility/Safety Subcommittee will meet and provide suggestions for renovations to the Senior Center.

Vice-Chair Morales suggested the City install an automatic front door and that bathroom doors be swapped out for something easier to open.

Director Santana updated the Committee on the renovation suggestions. She explained that a meeting is being arranged with the building inspector to determine what changes can be made or will be needed once the center is returned to our Department.

Following discussion, Manager Browne requested that all building improvement suggestions be forwarded to the Facility/Safety Subcommittee.

It was motioned by Member Crawford, seconded by Member Garcia, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to receive and file the Senior Center Building update (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel).

5.D. Information and Referral Update for December 2020

Supervisor Rico gave the update on information and referral status from December 2020 and reported calls for homeless resources, housing referrals, home care, and food programs increased during December 2020.

Manager Browne explained the City has received funds from the CARES Act to purchase two new buses for the Dial-A-Ride services.

Vice-Chair Morales expressed her satisfaction with the Dial-A-Ride service and encouraged all other Committee Members to sign up for the service.

It was motioned by Member Reyes, seconded by Member Garcia, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to receive and file the Information and Referral Report for December 2020. (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel)

5.E. Senior Newsletter Naming Survey

Manager Browne and Supervisor Rico updated the Committee on the reasoning behind changing the name of the Senior Newsletter from "Senior Moments" to "Senior Scoop." They proposed a survey of all Senior Center members, once the center re-opens, to provide everyone with an opportunity to be part of the process of updating the name of the newsletter.

Committee Members voiced concern over not being involved in the initial process to change the Senior Newsletter's name to "Senior Scoop," and there was consensus to change back to "Senior Moments."

Following discussion, Secretary Santana proposed a compromise where the newsletter's name will revert to "Senior Moments" with immediate effect until the Senior Center re-opens and a member survey is conducted.

It was motioned by Member Reyes, seconded by Member Garcia, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to temporarily change the name of the Senior Newsletter back to "Senior Moments" and approve a membership-wide survey for a new name when the Senior center re-opens (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel)

5.F. Senior Center Programming Update

Supervisor Rico provided an update on Senior programming during the COVID-19 pandemic and highlighted the following programs: 'Notes For Nana' pen pal program that helped keep Seniors engaged with the community; the home-delivered meals program that served 150 seniors daily; wellness-check calls; National Senior Citizen Day; monthly Birthday visits to seniors; 'Gobble Gobble' drive-in bingo event; and the 'Curbside Cupid' Valentines giveaway.

It was motioned by Member Reyes, seconded by Member Slifko, and approved unanimously by roll call vote to receive and file the Senior Center Programming update. (Absent: Member Corral and Chair Oebel)

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

None.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Member Crawford requested innovative and creative ideas for programming once Senior Center reopens.

Member Slifko asked if it would be possible to provide new member orientations and confirmation of membership once the Senior Center re-opens.

Vice-Chair Morales commented it would be a good idea to have the concierge program to verify membership and serve as a welcoming committee return; and requested all Committee Members receive advanced notification of events via email

Member Crawford thanked staff for the wellness check calls she had received.

Member Garcia requested the quilting class be held in another room due to the popularity and lack of space in the current room.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Morales adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Browne
Community Services Manager



Agenda Report

Senior Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2021

To: Senior Advisory Committee

From: Martin Browne, Community Services Manager
Alyssa Rico, Community Services Supervisor

Subject: Information and Referral Update for January to March 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Information and Referral report for January to March 2021.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared the Information and Referral report for January to March 2021 and hereby submits the report for Committee's review. The report will provide a summary of the calls for service, the information presented, and a summary of any local events or trainings offered to residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. I & R Report, January to March 2021

I & R Report
January 2021

The month of January was popular with tax inquiries and COVID vaccination information. We still had our regular calls regarding Senior Housing, Senior Transportation, and Food programs. The month of January brought in a total of 86 calls for service.

Senior Taxes (74% of calls):

- AARP
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- SASSFA
- Vita
- Liberty Plaza

Senior Transportation (9% of calls):

- Individual's health insurance plan
- Dial-A-Ride (City and County)
- ACCESS

COVID Information (6% of calls):

- Primary Care Physician
- Vaccinate LA County

Food programs for Seniors and Families (6% of calls):

- SASSFA (Home Delivered Meals)
- Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered Meals)
- Great Meals (Home Delivered Meals)
- Community Action Partnership Program (Food Bank)

Senior Housing Referrals (2% of calls):

- Community Development Commission County of L.A.
- Housing Rights Rental Directory from Housing Right Center
- TSA Properties
- LINC Properties

I & R Report
February 2021

The month of February has been our most popular month with tax inquiries and COVID vaccination information. We still had our regular calls regarding Senior Housing, Senior Transportation, and Food programs. The month of February brought in a total of 166 calls for service.

Senior Taxes (60.84% of calls):

- AARP
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- SASSFA
- Vita
- Liberty Plaza

Senior Transportation (3.61% of calls):

- Individual's health insurance plan
- Dial-A-Ride (City and County)
- ACCESS

COVID Information (29.52% of calls):

- Primary Care Physician
- Vaccinate LA County

Food programs for Seniors and Families (4.22% of calls):

- SASSFA (Home Delivered Meals)
- Meals on Wheels (Home Delivered Meals)
- Great Meals (Home Delivered Meals)
- Community Action Partnership Program (Food Bank)

Senior Housing Referrals (1.81% of calls):

- Community Development Commission County of L.A.
- Housing Rights Rental Directory from Housing Right Center
- TSA Properties
- LINC Properties

I & R Report
March 2021

The month of March was bursting with Tax inquiries and COVID vaccination information. March, we started signing up seniors 50+ for their COVID vaccination. We still had our regular calls regarding City and County Service, Senior Transportation, and Senior Benefits. The month of March brought in a total of 144 calls for service.

Senior Taxes (39.58% of calls):

- AARP
- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
- SASSFA
- Vita
- Liberty Plaza

Senior Transportation (13.18% of calls):

- Individual's health insurance plan
- Dial-A-Ride (City and County)
- ACCESS

COVID Information (43.06% of calls):

- LA County Department of Health at Parnell
- Primary Care Physician
- Vaccinate LA County

Sr. Benefits (0.69% of calls):

- SASSFA

City & County Services (3.47% of calls):

- SCRS-LACDPH
- SASSFA



Agenda Report

Senior Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2021

To: Senior Advisory Committee

From: Martin Browne, Community Services Manager
Alyssa Rico, Community Services Supervisor

Subject: Subcommittee Updates

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Subcommittee report.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

The Subcommittees were filled at the March 2021 meeting and will continue until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and programming resumes in the city buildings.

Bylaws – Chair Oebel and Vice Chair Morales

Nominations - Chair Oebel

Facility and Safety – Members Crawford and Slifko

Liaison – Member Corral

Programs – Vice Chair Morales and Members Corral, Crawford, and Garcia

Staff will provide a verbal report on the limited programming starting up as restrictions are gradually lifted.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

None.