

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 - 12:15 p.m.

Meeting in the Nakaoka Community Center due to COVID-19 Restrictions

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- I. Meeting Called to Order at 12:15 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kirksey.
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Present Commissioners: M. Kirksey, P. Worthy, P. Evans, L. Barentine.
 - b. Absent Commissioners: None
 - c. Also Present: C. Theobald, Det. D. Searle, A. Acuna.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 24, 2021.
 - i. Commissioner Kirksey made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried.
- V. Guest Speaker: Amanda Acuna, Senior Planner with the City of Gardena's Community Development Department.
 - a. Gardena's Housing Element is being updated.
 - b. Fulfilling a CA state requirement to re-zone and identify land to potentially fit 5800 units over the course of the next 8 years.
 - c. This must happen to ensure state compliance and to be eligible for grant funding opportunities.
 - d. If units come to fruition, they will be a mix of low, moderate, and above-moderate income levels.
 - e. State conducted an analysis of the City and determined the number of potential units based on several factors including the resident's access to jobs and transportation.
 - f. 2 public hearings will be conducted on 5/4 at the regularly scheduled City Planning Commission meeting and the Gardena City Council Meeting on 5/11.
 - g. Senior housing can be included in the "low-income" housing threshold.
 - h. City is focusing on a potential overlay idea to rezone commercial and industrial land for residential properties.
 - i. Anyone interested can attend the public hearings or visit the City's website for more information.
- VI. Guest Speaker: Detective D. Searle with GPD's Fraud Division
 - a. Mailbox vandalism and mail theft leading to identity theft is on the rise.
 - b. LA DA Gascon limited the penalties for non-violent crimes, so thieves are not deterred from breaking the law.
 - c. Do not clip your outgoing mail to the outside of your mailbox.
 - d. Don't use the blue mailboxes on the street corners or outside of the post office. It is safest to go into the post office to mail anything or hand it directly to your postal worker.
 - e. Be vigilant and understand the pattern of your residential postal worker so you are

aware what time they usually come around.

- f. Bank of American on Redondo Beach Blvd. now has skimmers in both the drive-up and walk-up ATMs. Avoid if possible. If you are going to use them, examine the unit for potential devices that were added on.

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. None

IX. Commission Reports

- a. Commissioner Barentine
 - i. Wellness check calls are going well.
 - ii. City Municipal Code reference or call Code Enforcement/Animal control for help in neighborhood, although it may be an HOA issue.
 - iii. City Clerk's office will notify of any training requirements in the future regarding Commissioners.
- b. Commissioner Kirksey
 - i. Received the updated wellness check call list and has received positive feedback from those she is able to make contact with.
- c. Commissioner Evans
 - i. Attended the pop-up pantry at Rowley Park.
 - ii. Actively recruiting an interested senior to join this commission. Possibly someone from the 2nd Time Around Seniors Club.
- d. Commissioner Worthy
 - i. Gave Commissioner Barentine the phone list to call for wellness checks.
 - ii. Went to Las Vegas for 2 weeks to visit her son.

X. Affiliated Committee on Aging Report

- a. The April 2021 meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions resulting in a lack of business.

XI. Staff Report/Department Monthly Report- C. Theobald

- a. Approximately 450 seniors currently enrolled in C-1 (now enrolling) and C-2 (now enrolling)
 - i. QA meeting with caterer 4/29/21 at 3pm
- b. Vaccine Update- vaccinatelacounty.com, myturn.ca.gov or 833-540-0473
 - i. Clinic at Johnson Park May 15th. SB scheduling appointments.
 - ii. Forum available every Friday from 12-1pm . SB scheduling appointments.
- c. Holiday Giveaways:
 - i. Easter given out on 3/29/21
 - ii. Next is Mother's Day- flowers on May 3/4th
- d. Ministerial Association Meeting: Thursday, April 22
 - i. Representatives from about 7 churches participated.
- e. Monthly Report
 - i. Statistical Information for March 2021 ENP:
 - A. 13097 meals served (+1774 from Feb. '21, includes 3 additional days in the month and emergency meal distribution to C-2 clients)

- B. 450 unduplicated clients served (+11 from Feb '21)
 - C. \$3715.75 collected in donations
 - ii. Statistical Information for March 2021 SSP:
 - A. 125 Client hours billed (+22.5 from Feb '21)
 - B. 90 unduplicated clients served (+26 from Feb '21)
 - C. \$18.79 collected in donations (+\$3.16 from Feb '21)
 - iii. Pen Pal Program
 - A. Flyer is approved and distributed.
 - B. Partnership with Senior Commission and Youth Commission.
 - iv. Walking Group?
 - A. Assembling guidelines, needs, route ideas.
 - v. Spring/Summer Older Adult Event
 - A. "Under the Sea" Painting Party- Thursday June 3rd.---Moved to June 17th.
 - B. Need flyer approval before distribution
 - C. Outdoors, distanced under own tent, no eating, masks required.
 - D. We provide all the supplies and take-home goodie bag
 - vi. UCLA Blood Drive Tuesday May 18th at Rush Gym 9am-2pm.
www.ucedonor.org
 - vii. Fun in the Sun Senior Day event May 27th 9am-2pm
 - A. Resource booths, games, giveaways, free food, etc.
 - B. Pre-registration required via www.cityofgardena.org/events or by calling 310-217-9552 (or 9522).
 - C. Looking for Commisioners to volunteer?
 - viii. Jazz Festival will be Sunday, August 22nd at Rowley Park.

XII. Oral Communications
a. None

XIII. Written Communications
a. None

XIV. Announcements
a. None

XV. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 12:15 pm.

XVI. Adjournment:
a. Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kirksey seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried.
b. The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Christina Theobald