

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021 - 12:00 p.m.  
Nakaoka Community Center

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1. Meeting Call to Order at 12:10 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by L. Barentine.
3. Roll Call
  - a. Present Commissioners: M. Kirksey, P. Worthy, C. Lynch, P. Evans.
  - b. Absent Commissioners: None
  - c. Also Present: C. Theobald, L. Barentine, N. Sweeney, GPD Det. D. Searle.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 18, 2020.
    - i. Commissioner Lynch made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried.
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. C. Theobald announced that the Senior Commission "Guidelines and Procedures" Booklet revisions have been placed on the City Council's Consent Calendar for the meeting on February 9, 2021.
  - b. M. Kirksey to provide an update on the introduction of L. Barentine to Councilwoman P. Francis for potential Commission appointment.
6. New Business
  - a. Kaiser providing vaccines to non-members if they call 833-574-2273.
7. Commission Reports
  - a. Commissioner Evans
    - i. Is in contact with members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Around Senior Group and providing grocery shopping services for those in need.
  - b. Commissioner Lynch
    - i. 12/1/20: Attended Zoom COPCAP meeting (Chief of Police Citizens Advisory Panel).
    - ii. 12/8/20: Attended Zoom Fireworks Task Force meeting with Capt. Osorio.
    - iii. 12/9/20: Attended Zoom CERT meeting.
    - iv. 12/10/20: Attended Zoom Neighborhood Watch meeting.
    - v. 12/22/20: Attended Zoom Coffee with a Cop with Capt. Osorio.
  - c. Commissioner Kirksey
    - i. No report provided due to connectivity issues.
  - d. Commissioner Worthy
    - i. No report.

8. Affiliated Committee on Aging Report
  - i. No meetings scheduled until further notice.
9. Staff Report/Department Monthly Report

Program Administrator N. Sweeney

- a. MLK Basket Raffle- tickets available on CivicRec.
- b. Funds benefit the 2022 parade/scholarship contest.
- c. Over 200 students participated in the scholarship essay contest in January 2021.

Detective D. Searle

- a. Detective for financial crimes and elder abuse.
- b. Increased case load in 2020 led to increased focus on prevention of fraud, rather than responded to crimes after they've occurred.
- c. Senior giveaways include "STOP FRAUD" stress ball, refrigerator magnet/clip, puzzles, flyers, and pens all with the contact phone number and email address printed on them.
- d. 310-217-9634 [fraud@gardenapd.org](mailto:fraud@gardenapd.org)
- e. To prevent scams, remind seniors to not click any links in email, install anti-virus software if possible, call referenced number if anything seems questionable.
- f. Det. Searle will be rotating out of her current position shortly, but she is preparing now to hand it off to the next officer.
- g. Det. Searle is collecting email addresses for a database which she can send out resource information to on new or previously existing scams.

Administrative Analyst C. Theobald

- a. Approximately 420 seniors currently enrolled in C-1 (now enrolling) and C-2 (now enrolling).
  - Quality Assurance meeting with TRIO 1.28.21 at 2pm to discuss any issues.
- b. Vaccine Update- [vaccinatelacounty.com](http://vaccinatelacounty.com) or 833-540-0473.
  - LADPH update from briefing on 1.21.21.
    - 4mil vaccines needed, only have 800k so far.
    - no current plans on how to transport seniors to pods or mobile units to reach home-bound seniors.
    - HDM staff and volunteers fall under Phase 1B Tier 2, after seniors 65+ (That is Phase 1B Tier 1) under the food service category.
    - Long wait times, be patient.
    - Another briefing scheduled for today, 1.27.21 at 3pm (877-226-8163) Code-9977631.
- c. Vaccine Scam Info passed out to seniors.
  - no fees for it.
  - no insurance necessary.
- d. SBCCOG Report from meeting on 1.26.2021.
  - Homeshare South Bay is moving forward and looking for homeowners to register on SilverNest to share their homes.
  - COG is working on training/education for elected officials to be better versed on issues regarding homelessness when replying to constituents.
  - Al Muratsuchi's Town Hall meeting on FB Live on 1.26.2021.
  - Beach Cities Health District reported on the vaccine and their testing sites.
- e. Alert South Bay Brochure passed out to seniors.
- f. Guidelines and Procedures booklet update.
  - On the Council Consent Calendar for the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - I will distribute new booklets once it is Council approved.

- g. SDCC activity kits through June 2021.
- h. SSP clients needed (housing resources, legal resources, etc.).
- i. Tax assistance resources are being updated.
  - AARP tax aide is not preparing returns at any indoor sites.
  - Interested seniors can call 424-256-5194 beginning on 2/3 for assistance
  - Tax documents must be digitized.
- j. C-2 HDM emergency shelf-stable meals.
  - Should be ready for dispersement at the end of Feb.
- k. Possibility of having outdoor socially distant activities for the seniors in the warmer months (and once vaccines are more common).
- l. Gardena branded masks for sale on CivicRec.
- m. Holiday Giveaways: Valentine's Day & St. Patrick's Day coming up.

10. Oral Communications

- a. None

11. Written Communications

- a. None

12. Announcements

- a. UCLA Blood Drive at Rush Gym on 2.9.21- appointments still available.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 12:00 pm (Virtual via Zoom).

14. Adjournment:

- a. Commissioner Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. The motion was passed and carried.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

 2.24.21

Christina Theobald