

## MINUTES

### SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center Street, Anaheim, California

February 20, 2019

#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Paul Vicknair, Chair  
Harold Ramey, Vice-Chair  
Emma Burns  
Michael Collins  
Gary Kellison  
Patricia Pina  
Tim Schindler

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Solorio, Community Services Supervisor  
Beth Lapkowski, Administrative Assistant

#### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** : Chair Vicknair called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** : Commissioner Pina led the Commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** : Chair Vicknair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2018. Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Pina; motion passed with all ayes.
4. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** :
  - A. Judy Huitt stated that she was a member of the Senior Citizens Commission in the past and noted some of the improvements that they helped effectuate at that time. She also spoke about the reduction of city staff for senior programs and advocated for the city adding staff back to help with senior programs.
5. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** : Presentation by Anaheim Senior Citizens Club: Mike Chastain, Vice President of the Anaheim Senior Citizens Club (ASCC), introduced himself and reviewed the Power Point presentation. He discussed their vision for self-contained senior centers, especially considering the size of Anaheim and the large senior population. Additional programs they would like to have offered include: financial, legal, insurance, employment, advocacy, technology, nutritional education, meal preparation classes, physical and mental health, health assessments, fitness classes, personal enrichment, writing, driver safety, gardening, music instruction, housing, grief, and more. He noted that different districts may have different needs. He stated the city isn't doing everything they could for the seniors and the ASCC would like to see a collaborative path with the Senior Citizens Commission to take steps to understand the senior community, review other cities' paths, and move initiatives forward. They would like to have an independent consulting firm assigned to develop a strategic plan by September 1. He invited the Commissioners to walk through the senior side of the Community Center to see the entirety of the city's flagship senior facility. Chair Vicknair thanked Mr. Chastain for his presentation and asked Wendy Solorio to work with him to forward the Power Point presentation to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kellison requested that contact information for the ASCC be added to the presentation before it is forwarded. Commissioner Schindler asked if the ASCC had a plan for paying for their proposals; Mr. Chastain noted that they need to know what the needs are before that can be addressed and he believes the city can afford to pay for that strategic plan.

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6. **NEW BUSINESS** :

Chair Vicknair distributed a document related to a proposal for rent control that was recently approved in the City of Glendale. He would like to make an addition to the proposal the Commission is preparing for City Council, suggesting rent control similar this document, including apartment owners being required to pay relocation assistance for tenants if their rents are raised more than seven percent. Commissioner Kellison asked whether there is a Housing Department in the City and if it would make sense to include them in the discussion. Wendy Solorio will find out who the appropriate person would be to come speak with them. Chair Vicknair liked that idea and asked Commissioner Kellison to chair a housing subcommittee, which he agreed to do along with Commissioners Pina and Burns. Chair Vicknair, Vice-Chair Ramey and Commissioner Collins will work on a contract language subcommittee to formulate the language to submit to City Council after the Housing Subcommittee provides their recommendations. Wendy noted that she will bring information to the March meeting relating to the Housing Department.

Commissioner Kellison suggested that the Commission formulate a log to help keep track of requests/complaints that are brought forward by seniors so they can review them and follow up when necessary. He volunteered to prepare an Excel spreadsheet of items that can be reviewed at each meeting. They would like to have a standing item added on the agenda titled "Public Communication Action Items" to be reviewed at each meeting. Chair Vicknair asked whether the minutes and agenda can be distributed sooner; commissioners agreed they feel comfortable with how they are being distributed. Wendy reminded them that they can email staff with items they would like to have added to the agenda.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** :

A. Senior Citizen Commission Recommendations - Work in Progress Power Point Presentation: Wendy Solorio distributed printouts of the power point to the Commissioners. Commissioner Kellison reminded them that the power point is the result of two subcommittees' work and is a work in progress. Commissioner Pina stated that the document needs to include distribution to doctor's offices, hospitals, Post Offices, etc. Chair Vicknair asked to include the rent control verbiage in this document as well; Wendy reminded him that the Commission would need to make that inclusion. Commissioner Collins noted that the rent control item should be a completely different item, separate and apart from the Power Point Presentation. Vice-Chair Ramey made a motion to accept the document, with the addition of Commissioner Pina's suggestion, and move to the creation of the memo to City Council; motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. Commissioner Kellison stated that the services offered need to be communicated to the seniors in the City of Anaheim; this document lists the brochure, etc., but he feels they need to do the leg work in creating the brochure or pamphlet before approving this and moving forward. After discussion, the vote on the motion was unanimous. Commissioner Collins noted that before any work is done on the recommendations, the Commission should first get the approval of City Council to move ahead and hopefully get resources to assist them. Commissioner Schindler noted that on the first page the document refers to Anaheim High School and it should be changed to reflect the entire school district. Vice-Chair Ramey amended his motion to add this additional change, seconded by Commissioner Collins; motion passed unanimously. Wendy Solorio stated she will give an update at the March meeting on the preparation of the memo to City Council.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** : - Commissioner Schindler reported that the Black History Parade will take place in Downtown Anaheim Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Wendy Solorio reminded Commissioners to RSVP for the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon coming up on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Chair Vicknair

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reminded Commissioners to attend the next City Council meeting if they are available to speak at public comment before they vote on commission vacancies.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: Chair Vicknair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center St., Anaheim CA 92805.