

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

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

March 21, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Paul Vicknair, Chair
Emma Burns
Alden Esping
Patricia Pina
Ray Shah
Nicholas Yagar

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Solorio, Community Services Supervisor
Beth Lapkowski, Administrative Assistant

VISITORS PRESENT:

Council Member Denise Barnes

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Harold Ramey, Vice-Chair

AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN

1. **CALL TO ORDER** : Chair Vicknair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** : Commissioner Burns 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 February 20, 2019. Commissioner Esping made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Yagar; motion passed with all ayes.
4. **UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** : None.
5. **SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMUNICATION** :
 - A. Dr. Marie S.Torres from AltaMed provided a presentation to the Commission about the agency and their programs for senior citizens, including the PACE Program, and answered questions. She also shared that AltaMed was the primary sponsor for Anaheim's Fall Festival and they provided thousands of health and diabetes screenings to the community at the event.
 - B. Grace Stepter, Andy Nogal and Mika Takayasu from Anaheim's Community & Economic Development Department provided a presentation on affordable housing in Anaheim and answered questions from the Commission.
6. **NEW BUSINESS** :

Chair Vicknair introduced the three new commissioners and asked them to discuss their vision for the Senior Citizens Commission. Commissioner Esping noted he is excited to help seniors with issues such as homelessness and housing, as discussed in the presentations today. Commissioner Shah stated this is his first commission he has belonged to; he hopes to be able to help with financial understanding of issues that seniors face. Commissioner Yagar noted that he worked for the Social Security Administration for 43 years, and stated he would be happy to liaison with the local agency and this commission and do anything else he can to assist the commission.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** :

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A. City Council Memorandum Update - Wendy Solorio reported that the Commission's recommendations have been placed in a draft letter that is currently being reviewed by the Community Services Director and will be brought back for the Commission to approve and the chair to sign. Commissioner Pina asked Wendy to explain the recommendations to the new commissioners; Wendy suggested that she could send the document that was

approved at the February meeting to them so they can review it. Chair Vicknair asked that she also forward the power point presentation to them.

8. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ACTION ITEMS** - Wendy reminded the commissioners that they had requested this item to be put on future agendas in the event there were items to follow up on from a previous meeting. Commissioner Pina requested that a representative from the Anaheim Senior Citizens Club should be appointed to the Commission. She stated that she thinks they are both doing the same work and that one of them should be on the Commission. Wendy explained that the Commissioners have been appointed by City Council and the Mayor. Chair Vicknair asked if an action item can be added to the agenda for them to provide updates to the Commission. Wendy explained that Mr. Chastain or another member of the Senior Citizens Club could state their interest in joining the Commission, but it is up to City Council to appoint Commissioners. Chair Vicknair reiterated his request to add an agenda item for the Anaheim Senior Citizens Club to report to the Commission. Commissioner Esping noted that they can be included as an agenda item any time the Commission wishes. Wendy noted it wouldn't be appropriate to have them as a standing agenda item, but they would be welcome to report any time during public comment or as an agenda item at a future time if they have a presentation to make.

Commissioner Yagar asked whether the city has a Housing Commission; Chair Vicknair stated they do have a Housing and Community Development Commission and Commissioner Yagar stated that he will look the information up online. He further stated that the Commission is controlled by ordinance regarding membership so the Senior Citizens Club wouldn't be able to join the Commission but he would look forward to hearing from them. Chair Vicknair asked Wendy to invite them to provide an update at the next Commission meeting. Wendy reminded the commissioners that they are an advisory board for the Anaheim senior population, and they look at a bigger picture than what the Senior Club may focus on.

Commissioner Burns asked if the Commission would be able to view one of the units that were described in the presentation by Community & Economic Development today; Wendy stated that the commissioners are welcome to contact them and ask for a tour and stated that it would need to be a group that is less than a quorum. Chair Vicknair appointed Commissioners Burns, Shah and Yagar to take a tour and report back to the Commission.

9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** : - Commissioner Esping announced the Alden Esping Putting Classic will be held on March 30th to raise money for scholarships to send underprivileged children to Anaheim YMCA camp. Wendy reported that the City of Anaheim is now a partnership with AARP in Friendly Cities, and she will bring additional information for the Commission in the future.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** : Chair Vicknair adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 16, 2019**, at 2:00 p.m. at the Downtown Anaheim Community Center, 250 E. Center St., Anaheim CA 92805.