

MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

March 17, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Shirley McCracken, Vice-Chair
Victor "Vic" Real
Ray Shah
Paul Vicknair
Nicholas Yagar

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Hernandez, Community Services Supervisor
Beth Lapkowski, Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Janet Brown, Chair (excused)

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A C T I O N T A K E N

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair McCracken called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice-Chair McCracken led the Commission in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Vice-Chair McCracken presented the minutes of the January 25, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Vicknair asked to have the minutes amended to include his comments regarding his desire to discuss having the APD talk about Facebook issues, social media and Next Door as an idea for a seminar. Wendy Hernandez stated she will have the minutes updated. Vice-Chair McCracken asked for approval of the amended minutes. Minutes were approved with four ayes and one abstention by Commissioner Real.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - Brenda Walters from Innovative Housing Opportunities, a nonprofit real estate developer, provided information regarding a spring art event at El Verano Apartments, an affordable housing community on Lincoln Avenue that has 54 senior units next to an affordable housing community for families, seniors and people with disabilities. The event will be held on April 30th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Muzeo, and will feature local artists. Commissioner Vicknair inquired about the El Verano Apartments; Ms. Walters explained the site used to be the Sandman Motel and that seniors are charged on a sliding scale depending on their income. They have mostly one-bedroom units and a few two-bedroom units and they are fully leased with a waiting list through the Anaheim Housing Authority.
 - Joe Pak from Sharon Quirk-Silva's office spoke with the commission and offered his assistance with senior issues, and he also answered questions about the Korean War Memorial that was recently installed in Fullerton. Commissioner Real asked him to send him some pictures and information about the memorial and Mr. Pak volunteered to come to speak to his organization about it.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Active Older Adult Program – Healthy Living Fair – Wendy Hernandez reported that Chair Brown asked her to share information with the commission about the Healthy Living Fair that is going to be held on Saturday, May 14 and inquire whether any of the commissioners would be willing to host a table. She noted that the Senior Citizen's Club will be hosting their craft boutique at the Community

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Center on the same day. She did remind the commissioners that only three members can be present at one time to avoid having a quorum. Commissioner Real asked if there would be transportation provided for seniors to this event; Wendy stated that they hold resource fairs at the three different sites. Although they usually serve seniors Monday to Friday, if transportation is needed for this event, they will work with their provider to see if they can accommodate them. Commissioner Vicknair asked how they would market their table to entice the people to stop by and talk to them. Commissioner Yagar suggested having a flyer for a seminar ready to distribute. Wendy stated that city commissions don't generally provide outreach services, they are an advisory board, but they can decide to do so if they wish. She suggested that they could provide a sign for the table to advertise who they are. Wendy stated that they would need to make the decision today since they don't meet again before the fair. Vice-Chair McCracken noted that the purpose could simply be to educate the seniors that the commission exists and asked whether there were volunteers. Commissioner Yagar suggested that they could take a poll of the seniors about their concerns and volunteered to attend. Commissioner Real made a motion for the commission to study the issue of making their presence known to the community and do planning before participating in future activities, seconded by Commissioner Yagar. Vote passed with 4 ayes.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Seminars in 2022 – Wendy Hernandez stated she is still waiting to hear back regarding seminars that were suggested at the previous meeting. She will report back when she has information.

7. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ACTION ITEMS:** None.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. Downtown Anaheim Community Center – Annual Facility Maintenance Closure – Wendy Hernandez reported that the Downtown Anaheim Community Center will be closed for two weeks for maintenance. They will be getting new carpet throughout the facility, paint for the exterior and work on the patios. The drive thru grab-and-go meal program will continue on Thursdays and some senior programs will be held at the Downtown Youth Center as space allows.
- B. Commissioner Real shared two articles; one about motel conversion projects and homeless projects and one about the sale of Anaheim Stadium.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vice-Chair McCracken adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 19, 2022**, at 2:00 p.m.