



CITY OF NEWARK

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark, CA
9:15 a.m.

Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2015

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Al Nagy called meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

Members Present: Rick Arellano, Sandy Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Faye Hall, Mary Hammock, and Dolores Powell

Members Absent: Margrith Reichmuth

Staff Present: Karen Moraida, Edda Rivera and David Zehnder

B. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the Senior Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2015 were unanimously approved as corrected.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Al Nagy welcomed all members.

D. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder distributed the Monthly Human Services/Senior Center Report. He provided attendance and participation figures for the month of January 2015.

He also provided a year-to-date report on the Paratransit Program. The Tri-City Paratransit Advisory Committee met on January 28th to discuss and report on transportation programs and services. The City of Fremont reported that they will be going out to bid at the end of this fiscal year for next fiscal year for transportation services. The current provider MV Transportation is in the process of getting a new reservation software program that will make the system more efficient in order to provide a more adequate level of service.

The South County Taxi Voucher Program is doing very well and ridership has staidly increased over this time last year. Participants who are enrolled with the Paratransit Program are eligible to receive subsidized taxi rides. Enrolled riders can buy taxi vouchers at a cost of \$4 per voucher and can use up to 96 vouchers per year. Multiple vouchers can be used per one-way trip with access to the service available 24 hours per day.

The Paratransit and Taxi Voucher Programs are administered by the Alameda County Transportation Commission through Measure B funds.

E. OLD BUSINESS

No Report.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Tri-City Elder Coalition Update

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder provided a brief update. He reported that a new chair and co-chair were elected to the board. This program provides and supports community based partnerships through education, advocacy and resource sharing to improve the well-being of seniors residing in the Tri-City Area.

F.2 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reported that the Summer Activity Guide will be available and distributed to Newark Residents the last week of March.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida highlighted the following events:

- The Newark Senior Center will now be open every Friday for operations beginning this Friday, March 6, 2015
- Family Day at the Park is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:30am at the Newark Community Park.
- Newark resident registration begins April 1, 2015.
- Nonresident registration begins April 3, 2015.

**F.3 Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
Thursday, April 2, 2015**

G. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Committee Member Rick Arellano expressed his gratitude to the Newark Senior Center staff for their dedication and fabulous job at organizing all the events at the Senior Center, especially, the Volunteer Recognition Celebration held on Friday, February 6th.

Chairperson Nagy reminded Senior Advisory Committee Members to visit the Newark Senior Center on Fridays beginning March 6.

Additionally, he briefly reported on his attendance at the annual 2015 Journey Home Breakfast hosted by Abode Services. Abode Services is working to develop a program with Google to provide funding for affordable temporary housing for low income families in the Fremont Area.

H. PUBLIC INPUT

No Comments.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Respectfully submitted,

**Edda Rivera
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