



# CITY OF NEWARK

## SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

### Minutes

Monday, March 31, 2014

#### A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Al Nagy called meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Members Present: Rick Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Faye Hall, Mary Hammock, Mel Nunes and Margrith Reichmuth

Members Absent: Carol Hewitt and Carol McCarty

Staff Present: Karen Moraida, Edda Rivera and David Zehnder

#### B. MINUTES

The minutes of the Senior Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 24, 2014 were unanimously approved.

#### C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Al Nagy introduced Mr. Jack Dane and Mrs. Sandra Marie Arellano.

Chairperson Al Nagy reported that Committee Members Mel Nunes and Carol Hewitt have resigned from Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. A commendation was presented to Committee Member Mel Nunes for his service to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Committee Member Carol Hewitt was absent but Mayor Nagy acknowledged her contributions.

#### 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 February.

Additionally, he provided an update on paratransit services. Due to restrictions on standing order rider requests, program ridership has decreased over the past several months. Staff will be using local media outlets to promote public awareness of the program with the goal of increasing ridership. The program offers low cost door-to door shared rider transportation services under a partnership agreement with the City of Fremont. Rides are just \$2.50 each way within Newark, Union City and Fremont.

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder also reported on the senior congregate meal program. Daily meal attendance has decreased significantly

over the past several months. Meals are provided by Spectrum Community Services and are served Monday through Thursday at 11:45 a.m. with a suggested donation of \$3.75 per person. Special event days such as the recent St. Patrick's Day luncheon are attracting better luncheon participation. Senior Center staff will continue to promote the lunch program through more special events and theme days.

## **E. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT**

### **E.1 TRI-CITY ELDER COALITION UPDATE**

No report as TCEC Representative Carol McCarty was absent.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

### **F.1 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events**

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida announced that there are currently two vacancies for the Senior Advisory Committee. Persons interested in serving on the Senior Advisory Committee are invited to apply in the City Clerk's office at City Hall or the Senior Center. Committee members are appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council. Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled.

Upcoming Summer Senior Trips and Special Activities:

- Summer Program Registration begins April 1 for Newark Residents and April 3 for Non-Residents. The Summer Activities Guide will be distributed to Newark Residents the last week of March.
- Mother's Day Fashion Show and Luncheon – May 7, 2014, 11:00am
- Free Estate Planning and Benefit Workshop for Veterans – May 20, 10:00am
- Free Lunch Honoring Veterans – May 21, 11:45am
- Free WII Bowling League – Tuesdays, May 6-27, 10:00am

## **G. Life Elder Care Presentation – Patricia Osage, Executive Director**

Executive Director Patricia Osage provided a brief presentation on the Life Elder Care community-based services and supports programs. Life Elder Care helps older adults improve the quality of their life so that they can age in the place they call home. Services are provided to anyone, ages 60+, or those with disabilities, who live in the Tri City Area. Services are provided by well-trained, caring volunteers and nursing students.

The program provides the following services:

- Friendly Visitors
- Meals on Wheels
- VIP Rides
- Fall Prevention

## **H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS**

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder announced the following events:

Music at the Grove will return this summer again. Opening concert is Friday, June 27, featuring Big Bang Beat at 6:30pm. Three additional concerts are scheduled for July 11, July 25, and August 8.

Family Day at the Park is Saturday, April 12, 9:00 – 11:30am at the Newark Community Park.

The Newark City Council will be proclaiming April as Older Americans Month and will present a proclamation during the April 24 City Council Meeting. Members of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee are encouraged to attend to accept this proclamation on behalf of all Newark senior citizens.

**I. PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Jack Dane invited committee members to attend AARP meeting.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:19am

Respectfully submitted,

**Edda Rivera**  
**Administrative Assistant**