



CITY OF NEWARK

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center
7401 Filbert Street, Newark, CA
9:15 a.m.

Minutes

Thursday, January 2, 2020

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Al Nagy called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members: Rick Arellano, Sandi Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Kathleen Lemos and Stanley Keiser.

Committee Members: Eileen McDonald, Dolores Powell and Glen Wickizer were noted absent.

Staff present: Nick Cuevas and Jessica Gurulé

B. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the Thursday, November 7 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting were moved for approval by Committee Member Stanley Keiser and seconded by Committee Member Sandi Arellano with all in favor.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

D. GUEST SPEAKER

None.

E. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Nick Cuevas distributed and reviewed statistics.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Recreation Supervisor Cuevas discussed upcoming activities including the "Matter of Balance" class provided by Spectrum, Crafting With Nick and announced a guest speaker from Life ElderCare will be attending the February 6 Senior Advisory Meeting.

**G.2 Upcoming Meeting Schedule:
Thursday, February 6, 2020 9:15 a.m.**

H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Committee Member Elwood Ballard asked the committee what their goals were for this year. Committee Member Rick Arellano suggested that more guest speakers attend the Senior Advisory Committee meetings so members can pass that knowledge on to other seniors. Committee Member Kathleen Lemos suggested that the speakers should present in the dining room to reach more participants other than Senior Advisory Committee members. Chairperson Nagy agreed with Committee Member Lemos' suggestion. All members discussed moving the meeting time so other participants would attend a guest speaker presentation. Committee Member Sandi Arellano mentioned that the Newark Senior Center had services available to the participants at the Learn and Lunch events held in October, but participants were not interested in attending. Committee Member Lemos suggested putting an ad in the Tri-City Voice to drum up more interest. Recreation Supervisor Cuevas voiced that most participants come to the Senior Center specifically for recreation activities. Committee Member Rick Arellano voiced that he would like to see more Senior Advisory Committee members attending the Newark Senior Center events and that he personally enjoys the new activities.

Committee Member Stanley Keiser inquired how the Newark Senior Center trips were coordinated. Recreation Supervisor Cuevas explained that the Newark Senior Center shares a bus with another organization and that together we work with a company that completely organizes the trips. Committee Member Ballard recommended a suggestion box for participants to share what activities they would like at the Newark Senior Center.

Recreation Supervisor Cuevas mentioned that the Friday Mahjong group has grown so much that the Newark Senior Center would need a larger facility to accommodate more participants. Chairperson Nagy suggested using the Newark Library or Newark Community Center, but explained that the Newark Library needs a new roof. Recreation Supervisor Cuevas explained that the Newark Community Center would need millions of dollars' worth of improvements to get it into a working condition. Committee Member Keiser questioned what updates the city was doing to the Newark Community Center. Chairperson Nagy explained that due to budgeting and other projects with higher priorities, nothing is being done to the Newark Community Center. Chairperson Nagy suggested the Newark Library is a more viable option. Committee Member Keiser requested that city staff do a study to see if these ideas are feasible. Chairperson Nagy noted that he would inform City Council of the discussion.

I. PUBLIC INPUT

None

J. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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