



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Senior Advisory Commission

04/22/2024

10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting
Santa Clara Senior Center
Room 205
1303 Fremont Street
Santa Clara, CA 95050050

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Senior Advisory Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and a method for the public to participate remotely).

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A regular meeting was called to order by Chair Hubbard at 10:04 a.m.

Present 6 - Vice Chair Edmund Drozek, Commissioner Tom Freitas, Commissioner Veena Sterling, Commissioner Rick Andrews, Commissioner Maria Vaz (arrived at 10:23 a.m.), and Commissioner Srinivasan Manivannan

Absent 1 - Chair Judy Hubbard

A motion was made by Commissioner Sterling, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to excuse Commissioner Hubbard. The motion carried with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Commissioner Sterling, Commissioner Andrews, and Commissioner Manivannan

Absent: 2 - Chair Hubbard, Commissioner Vaz

CONSENT CALENDAR[24-358](#)

Review and Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of March 25, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of March 25, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Freitas, to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2024. The motion carried with the following vote.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Commissioner Sterling, Commissioner Andrews, and Commissioner Manivannan

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vaz

Excused: 1 - Chair Hubbard

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS[24-359](#)

Discussion and Review of Subcommittee Updates on the Status of FY2023/24 Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Commission note and file the subcommittees verbal status progress reports.

Goal 1.a. Provide an update on low-income vs. affordable housing educational presentation at Senior Advisory Commission meetings.
- **Commissioners Hubbard and Manivannan** reached out to the Housing and Community Services Division to request a presentation at an upcoming Senior Advisory Commission meeting and were informed that staff schedules are booked until the Fall.

Goal 2.a. Report out on last meeting with City Staff regarding pickleball updates.
- **Commissioner Freitas** attended the April Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to advocate for dedicated pickleball courts at Central Park.

Goal 3.a. Provide update on transportation resources presentation at the Senior Center
- No Update

Goal 3.b. Report out on the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

- **Commissioners Drozek and Freitas** attended the April BPAC meeting which included discussion on the Monroe Bike Lane Project.

Goal 4.a. Provide an update on the review process of the 2017 Senior Needs Assessment

- This item was deferred to the June meeting.

Goal 5.a. Report out on the ADA Committee meeting.

- No Update

Goal 5.b. Provide update on the latest promotional opportunities.

- No Update

Goal 5.c. Provide update on the Senior Advisory Commissioner Exhibitor booth.

- **Recreation Supervisor Herb** sent an informational handout to the sub-committee for review. A magnifier card was ordered for the booth to hand out to the public.

24-360

Review the 2017 Senior Needs Assessment, Provide Input on Survey Content and Develop an Outreach Plan to Conduct a New Community Survey in 2024

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission review the Senior Needs Assessment and provide feedback on content and outreach efforts to be incorporated into the development of a 2024 survey.

The Commission continued to review the survey questions and to consider recommended changes. The Commission will continue it's review at the June meeting and begin discussing the survey format.

24-361

Discussion and Action to Recommend Council Adoption of a Resolution to Change the Meeting Schedule of the Senior Advisory Commission for FY 2024/25 and Calendar Year 2025

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Senior Advisory Commission review the proposed resolution, together with the proposed calendar of meetings, and provide direction to staff on whether to forward a recommendation to the City Council for final consideration.

The Commission reviewed the resolution change prepared by staff and determined that the recommended date change would not work for all current Senior Advisory Commissioners.

The Commission brainstormed alternative days and times for future Senior Advisory Commission meetings. The Commission suggested a meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month from 5 - 7 p.m. would be more conducive for Commissioners to attend.

The Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution to change the meeting schedule and bring that to the June meeting for review.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Herb shared the following:

- The Senior Center is holding two Community Input meetings for individuals 50+ that are interested in a Senior Travel Program. The meetings are Tuesday, April 30 from 10 - 11 a.m, and Wednesday, May 1 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- The Senior Center is hosting the 8th Annual "Be Strong, Live Long Health & Wellness Fair on Friday, May 17 from 10 a.m - 1 p.m.

Recreation Manager Castro shared the following:

- There are flyers for SV Hopper and current housing lists in the Senior Center resource areas on both levels of the building.
- Summer Activity Guide posted on Friday, April 19. Registration for residents begins April 23.
- Summer Concert Series kicks off in June with 5 concerts. Concerts will be held at Live Oak Park, 641 Moreland Way or Central Park Pavilion, 909 Kiely Blvd. from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Some park sites have been equipped with outdoor activities such a table tennis, Corn Hole, and activity tables. Information can be found in the Activity Guide.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Manivannan attended Citizenship Day on April 20 at San Jose City College.

Commissioner Freitas shared that he attended the Patrick Henry Drive Community meeting to advocate for seniors. He encouraged the Commission to attend future meetings to voice their interest in senior activities. **Commissioner Drozek** added that there are 90 spaces for bicycles and space for cargo bikes at the Patrick Henry Drive development which is near the Calabazas Trail.

Commissioner Sterling left at 11:52 a.m.

Commissioners Drozek, Freitas and Manivannan shared that they attended the Council Priority Setting Session.

Commissioner Vaz asked if she could bring a flyer for the Stanford Alzheimer Program at the Palo Alto VA Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Freitas that the meeting be adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Aye: 6 - Vice Chair Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Commissioner Sterling, Commissioner Andrews, Commissioner Vaz, and Commissioner Manivannan

Excused: 1 - Chair Hubbard

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