



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Senior Advisory Commission

01/13/2025

5:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
 Santa Clara Senior Center
 Room 205
 1303 Fremont Street
 Santa Clara, CA 95050

Special Meeting

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).

Via Zoom:

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Drozek at 5:02 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Edmund Drozek, Commissioner Veena Sterling, Commissioner Rick Andrews, Commissioner Maria Vaz (arrived at 5:25 p.m., and Commissioner Srinivasan Manivannan

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Tom Freitas

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

Aye: 4 - Chair Drozek, Commissioner Sterling, Commissioner Andrews, and Commissioner Manivannan

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Freitas, and Commissioner Vaz

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-30](#) Review and Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of November 18, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of November 18, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2024. The motion carried with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Chair Drozek, Commissioner Sterling, Commissioner Andrews, and Commissioner Manivannan

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Freitas

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vaz

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Member of the public Martin Gross expressed concern about ADA requirements for Senior Housing in Santa Clara.

Heart of the Valley - Executive Director, Alma Soto introduced herself to the Commission and expressed an interest in partnering with the Commission in the future.

GENERAL BUSINESS Discussion and Review of Subcommittee Updates on the Status of FY2024/25 Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals

2. [24-1263](#)

Goal 1.a. Provide update on low-income housing project educational presentation at Senior Center.

- No Update

Goal 1.b. Report out on latest Community Meeting related to Senior Housing developments in Santa Clara.

- No Update

Goal 2.a. Report out on last meeting with City staff regarding pickleball updates.

- No Update

Goal 2.b. Report out on last meeting with City staff regarding Lawn Bowl. - No Update

Goal 2.c. Report out on latest Community Meeting related to outdoor activities for older adults.

- No Update

Goal 3.a. Report out on latest Community Meeting related to transportation and street improvement projects, and; provide update on transportation resources presentation at the Senior Center.

- No Update

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

- Commissioner Drozek informed the Commission that he attended the October 28, 2024 meeting.

Goal 4.a. Provide update on the implementation of Senior Needs Assessment survey and outreach plan.

- No Update

Goal 4.b. Report out on latest Community meetings related to Age-Friendly accessibility in the build environment in Santa Clara.

- No Update

Public Comment - A member of the public Martin Gross, shared additional questions that he'd like to see on the Senior Needs Assessment. City Staff asked to meet with him after the meeting to understand his questions.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Manager Castro provided the following updates:

- Winter recreation classes and activities begin January 13.
- The Parks & Recreation Department is beginning to plan for 2025 Special Events
- The Parks & Recreation Department welcomes new Parks & Recreation Director, Damon Sparacino.
- Santa Clara Women's League is proud to announce Showtime, "The Saga of the Sarsaparilla Saloon," or "Tale of the Tainted Tonic." Show dates are March 1 at 7 p.m., and March 2 at 2 p.m.
- The Natatorium Pool Resurfacing Project is almost complete and the Natatorium is scheduled to reopen on January 21.

Recreation Supervisor Herb provided the following updates:

- On January 1, 2025, California's new statewide "Daylighting Law" went into effect. This was created to enhance pedestrian safety by prohibiting vehicles from parking within 20 feet of marked and unmarked crosswalks, and within 15 feet of crosswalks that have curb extensions. These parking restrictions are designed to improve the visibility of both moving vehicles and pedestrians, thereby helping to reduce collisions.
- The January Senior Center Newsletter is out. Please be sure to check out the new classes, activities, workshops and resources offered during the month of January.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Andrews shared that he utilized the HICAP monthly appointments available at the Senior Center and found it super helpful. HICAP provides counselors who educate and answer questions about:

- Original Medicare (Part A & B)
- Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C)
- Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)
- Supplemental Insurance (Medigap)
- Limited Income Programs for Medicare
- Medicare and Medi-Cal Options
- Tips for Avoiding Medicare Fraud

Individuals can call the Senior Center for more information.

Commissioner Drozek shared that he attended the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on October 28 as well as the Sunnyvale BPAC meeting.

Commissioner Vaz shared concerns about living conditions at Valley Village.

Commissioner Sterling shared concerns about the structure of the Senior Advisory Commission as well as concerns about a fellow Commissioner and informed the Commission that she was resigning from the Senior Advisory Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Vaz that the meeting be adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Freitas

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