



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Senior Advisory Commission

04/24/2023

10:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting
 City Manager's Conf. Room
 City Hall - East Wing
 1500 Warburton Avenue
 Santa Clara, CA 95050

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

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chair McCauley at 10:28 a.m.

- Present** 4 - Commissioner Edmund Drozek, Commissioner Judy Hubbard, Vice Chair Grant L. McCauley, and Commissioner Veena Sterling
- Absent** 3 - Commissioner Tom Freitas, Chair Nancy Toledo, and Commissioner Rick Andrews

A motion was made by Commissioner Drozek, seconded by Commissioner Sterling to excuse Commissioners Andrews, Freitas, and Toledo.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair McCauley, and Commissioner Sterling

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Freitas, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [23-516](#) Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of March 27, 2023

Recommendation: Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of March 27, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Drozek to approve the minutes from March 27, 2023.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair McCauley, and Commissioner Sterling

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Freitas, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Members of the public; Maria Vaz, Jud Canfield, and Mohammed shared concerns they're experiencing living in the Valley Village Retirement Community. The public was referred to the Community Services Office in the Community Development Department.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-517](#) Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals Update and Discussion for FY2022/23

Each sub-committee provided an update to the Senior Advisory Commission for discussion on the efforts and progress towards accomplishing the FY2022/23 Work Plan & Goals.

GOAL #1: Advocate for affordable and Convenient Housing:

1.a. Appoint representative(s) to attend the Housing Commission meeting.
Commissioners Hubbard & Freitas

- No Update - Will attend when Housing Commission meets.

2.b. Provide an update on the two (2) presentations at the Senior Center (November & April) and provide one (1) article for the Senior Center Newsletter (February) - Commissioners Hubbard & Freitas

- No Update

Commissioner Hubbard shared that she tried to contact Monroe Commons for a tour.

GOAL #2: Encourage and Promote the use of Outdoor Spaces and Buildings - Commissioners Freitas & Sterling

2.a. Report on current public design phase discussions of new park facilities and spaces, as well as information from Parks & Recreation Commission meetings related to development that may enhance outdoor recreation for older adults.

- No Update

3.b. Provide an update to the organized activity of the April Bean Bag Toss Tournament - Commissioner Freitas & Drozek

- **Commissioner Drozek** reported on the success of the tournament, which was well received by participants. New boards and bean bags were provided by the Senior Center. The two teams that took 1st and 2nd place had never played before this tournament.

GOAL #3 Advocate for Affordable, Convenient, and Safe Transportation and Streets

3.a. Report on progress of planning phases of the VIA Shuttle - Commissioners Hubbard & Toledo

- **Commissioner McCauley** shared Commissioner Toledo's report stating that the Cupertino program will be expanding into Santa Clara and developed in 2 phases - Phase 1 will service lower Santa Clara south of CalTrain, and begin rolling out in July. Phase 2 will service northern Santa Clara north of CalTrain tracks, and is a few years out.

3.b. Report on the last bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting - Commissioner Drozek & Freitas

- **Commissioner Drozek** reported that he attended the March BPAC meeting and shared with the Commission:

- Flexible pylons along Monroe have been added for bike lanes.
- There can be flooding on the San Tomas Creek Trail where the trail gets closer to the Bay.

The Creek Trail fencing north of Monroe has large gaps where someone can fall through. Staff reported this to Public Works Maintenance.

GOAL #4 Develop Opportunities to Promote Health, Wellness, and Nutrition

4.4.a. Provide an update on the April Alzheimer's and Dementia Presentation at the Senior Center - Commissioners Hubbard & McCauley

- **Commissioner McCauley** reported that the presentation was full with 31 attendees. The information was well received and appreciated.

GOAL #5 Provide Access to Community Resources and Information

5.a. Report from the last City ADA Committee meeting - Commissioner Hubbard

- No Update - Will attend when Committee meetings begin.

6.b. Update on the progress and plans for the Health & Wellness Fair - Commissioners Hubbard, McCauley, & Toledo

- **Commissioner McCauley and Hubbard** updated the Commission that there are 58 Exhibitor RSVP's to date and a waiting list.

Commissioner Hubbard passed out the schedule of responsibilities to the Commission.

3. [23-518](#)

Senior Advisory Commission FY2023/24 Work Plan & Goals Discussion

Commissioner McCauley explained the process of creating the Work Plan and Goals and informed the Commission they would begin brainstorming goals at the May, 22 meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Herb provided a report on the following:

- The Health & Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and will have access to:

Community Resources

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Information on how to keep healthy and stay safely at home

Safety Net and support service for older adults

Lunch (\$7.00) between 11:30 a.m and 1:30 p.m.

- The Library is developing a Strategic Master Plan and will hold focus groups to gather input from the community. There will be an older adults Focus Group Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

- For those looking for drug prescription collection sites, the Longs Drugs locations (now part of CVS) in Santa Clara and Kaiser are accepting drop-offs.

- Applications for Monroe Commons affordable rental units are due by May 5 at 5:00 p.m.

- The City of Santa Clara is kicking off multiple Bikeway Planning Studies and they want to hear from you. Provide your experience traveling on streets and offer suggestions on how to improve them. The two surveys currently open are: De La Cruz Blvd./Coleman Ave & Walsh Ave./Martin Ave. Class IV

- The Recreation Division will be hosting the next Sunset Cinema at Live Oak Park on Friday, May 12 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. the movie will be Disney's Moana.
- The Eddie Souza Community Garden continues to host 2nd Sunday Garden share from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., as well as Garden Tours on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- The Senior Center May Newsletter will be available to members on April 28, and the general public on May 1.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner McCauley asked the Commission to be ready for a busy day at the Health & Wellness Fair and stressed the importance of everyone being in attendance.

Commissioner Drozek asked about the update on the bathrooms at Eddie Souza Neighborhood Park & Community Garden.

Recreation Manager Castro shared that construction plans were under review with the City.

Commissioner Hubbard shared that Commissioner Toledo's last meeting will be in June and suggested the Commission go to lunch after the meeting to celebrate her time on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion as made by Commissioner Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Drozek that the meeting be adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Hubbard, Vice Chair McCauley, and Commissioner Sterling

Excused: 3 - Commissioner Freitas, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

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