



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Senior Advisory Commission

11/27/2023

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

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

Present 7 - Vice Chair Edmund Drozek, Commissioner Tom Freitas (arrived at 10:09 a.m.), Chair Judy Hubbard (arrived at 10:06 a.m.), Commissioner Veena Sterling, Commissioner Rick Andrews, Commissioner Maria Vaz (arrived at 10:22 a.m.), and Commissioner Srinivasan Manivannan

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. [23-1390](#) Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of October 23, 2023

Recommendation: Approve the Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of October 23, 2023

A motion was made by Chair Hubbard, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Freitas, and Commissioner Vaz

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-1379](#) Receive a Presentation and Provide Feedback on the De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Bikeway Planning Project
Recommendation: Receive a presentation and provide feedback on draft design concepts.
Commissioners received a presentation from Traffic and Engineering - Public Works Department and provided feedback on the De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study.
3. [23-1437](#) Receive a Verbal Informational Report and Provide Feedback on the Draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan
Recommendation: Staff has no recommendation
Commissioners received a presentation from Engineering Design - Public Works Department and provided feedback on the City's ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan.
4. [23-1391](#) Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals for FY2023/24
Recommendation: Staff have no recommendation
Commissioner Freitas removed himself from Goal #1 - Educate the Senior Advisory Commission on current low-income projects in Santa Clara.
Commissioner Manivannan volunteered for Goal #1.
Commissioner Freitas removed himself from Goal #5c - Host a Senior Advisory Commission Exhibitor booth at the "Be Strong, Live Long" Health & Wellness Fair.
Commissioner Andrews volunteered for Goal #5c.
Commissioner Manivannan volunteered for Goal #3a - Educate the Older Adult Community on transportation resources in Santa Clara.
Commissioner Manivannan volunteered for Goal #3b - Attend Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Andrews volunteered for Goal #2 - Work with the Parks & Recreation Department to promote pickleball in Santa Clara.

Commissioner Andrews volunteered for Goal #5b - Help market and promote awareness to the older adult community on upcoming City outreach opportunities.

Committee Updates:

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

- No update.

Commissioner Vaz suggested a presentation to the Commission to learn the difference between low income and affordable housing in Santa Clara.

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

- Central Park has added 6 pickleball courts overlaid on tennis courts.

Goal 3.a. Provide update on transportation resources presentation at the Senior Center.

- Silicon Valley Hopper Ride Share Program started in Santa Clara on November 20, 2023.

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

- Will report after next BPAC meeting.
- The Commission received a presentation on the De La Cruz Boulevard/Coleman Avenue Bikeway Planning Study at the November 27, 2023 meeting.

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

- The Commission will review questions and sections of the assessment.

Goal 5.a. Report on the ADA Committee Meeting.

- There is currently no City ADA Committee meeting scheduled.
- The Commissioner received a presentation on the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan at the November 27, 2023 meeting.

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

- **Commissioners Drozek and Freitas** promoted the Veterans Memorial Ceremony which took place on November 11 by taking flyers to local businesses around Santa Clara.

Goal 5.c. Provide an update on the Senior Advisory Commission Exhibitor booth at the "Be Strong, Live Long" Health & Wellness Fair.

- Committee members received a "Save the Date" email for May 17, 2024.

5. [23-1392](#) Review the 2017 Senior Needs Assessment and Provide Input on Survey Content and Develop an Outreach Plan to Conduct a New Community Survey in 2024

Recommendation: Staff have no recommendation

The Commission decided to review the questions and sections of the assessment and discuss the recommended changes at the January 22, 2024 meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Herb reported the following:

- The Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on Friday, December 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Central Park.
- The SV Hopper ride share program is now available in the south area of Santa Clara.
- The Giving Tree program at the Senior Center starts November 27. Individuals can take an ornament and donate items for the individuals in need. Items are due Wednesday, December 13th.
- Traffic Advisory emails are sent to the community when there are stadium events. Individuals can subscribe through the City website.
- The Senior Advisory Commission email log for October/November was shared with the Commission.

Commissioner Sterling inquired about an email that was sent to the Senior Advisory Commission email.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Sterling left at 12:08 p.m.

Commissioner Andrews left at 12:10 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Freitas shared that he and **Commissioner Drozek** participated in the Bean Bag Tournament at the Senior Center on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and thought that the activity was well organized and fun.

Commissioner Drozek shared that he is working on contacting someone from Post 419, whom organizes the veteran's event for the future.

Commissioner Vaz inquired about future presentations at a Senior Advisory Commission meeting regarding veteran's resources.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vaz, seconded by Commissioner Drozek that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Chair Hubbard, Commissioner Vaz, and Commissioner Manivannan

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Sterling, and Commissioner Andrews

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