



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Senior Advisory Commission

02/27/2023

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**

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Toledo at 10:04 a.m.

**Present** 5 - Commissioner Edmund Drozek, Commissioner Tom Freitas, Vice Chair Grant L. McCauley, Chair Nancy Toledo, and Commissioner Rick Andrews

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Judy Hubbard, and Commissioner Veena Sterling

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

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Vice Chair McCauley, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Hubbard, and Commissioner Sterling

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A [23-217](#) Senior Advisory Commission Minutes of January 23, 2023

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

**A motion was made by Vice Chair McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the minutes from January 23, 2023.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Vice Chair McCauley, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Hubbard, and Commissioner Sterling

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Community member Martin Gross informed the Commission that he tripped on the sidewalk as he was walking to the Senior Center.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [23-218](#) Senior Advisory Commission Work Plan & Goals 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.

1. Advocate for Affordable and Convenient Housing - Commissioners Hubbard & Freitas

Goal 1.a. Provide a report from the January Housing Commission meeting - No Update - Will attend when Commission meetings begin.

Goal 1.b. Provide an update on the (2) presentations at the Senior Center (November and April) and provide one article for the Senior Center newsletter (February) - No Update

- Commissioner Freitas shared a report from Commissioner Hubbard regarding a meeting she attended for proposed temporary housing on the corner of Benton and Lawrence Expressway.

2. Encourage and Promote the use of Outdoor Spaces and Buildings - Commissioners Freitas & Sterling

Goal 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. Commissioner Freitas provided an update that the Magical Bridge Playground at Central Park will begin this Spring. The construction will also include a new entrance to Central Park on Kiely that will include a roundabout.

Goal 2.b. Update on February billiard tournament and plans for the April bean bag toss activities at the Senior Center - Commissioner Freitas reported on the success of the billiard tournament, stating it was fun and joyous with a good turnout, and support from Commissioners and Senior Center staff. Commissioner Freitas also reported that he has begun the planning stages of the Bean Bag Toss tournament.

3. Advocate for Affordable, Convenient, and Safe Transportation and Streets -

Goal 3.a. Report on progress of planning phases of the VIA Shuttle - Commissioners Hubbard & Toledo - No Update

- Commissioner Toledo shared that she has utilized PVI (Peninsula Volunteers) ride service a couple of times and found it helpful.

3.b. Report on the last Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting - Commissioners Drozek & Freitas - Commissioner Drozek reported that

he'll be attending the March BPAC meeting to get an update on the progress of the status of a H.A.W.K Light being installed and the Monroe/San Tomas pedestrian bike/crossing.

4. Develop Opportunities to Promote Health, Wellness, and Nutrition -  
Commissioner Hubbard & McCauley

Goal 4.a. Report on the March presentation update for the Alzheimer's and Dementia at the Senior Center - Commissioner McCauley reported that the Alzheimer's Presentation will be held on April 4 at the Senior Center, from 11 - 11:45 am.

5. Provide Access to Community Resources and Information -

Goal 5.a. Report from the last City ADA Committee meeting -  
Commissioner Hubbard - No Update. Will attend when Commission meetings begin.

Goal 5.b. Update on the progress and plans for the Health & Wellness Fair - Commissioners McCauley, Toledo, & Hubbard - The Committee reported that there are 34 Exhibitor RSVP's to date. The Fair received a \$1,000 grant from Kaiser. The money will be used for lunches. There will be 2 information booths this year to help with way finding. The Senior Advisory Commissioners will be posted at the information booths. The next meeting will be March 22.

**STAFF REPORT**

**Recreation Supervisor Herb** provided the following updates:

- Breakfast with the Bunny will be held on Saturday, April 1 from 9 - 11 am at the Senior Center. The event is for grandparents, parents and kids. Commissioners were asked to volunteer and assist with the event.

- The Youth Commission is interested in participating again with the Senior Advisory Commission in Coffee Chats. Youth Commissioners are interested in having the Senior Advisory Commission bring a list of questions to ask the youth, as a way to bridge the generational gap and create a dialogue for the two generations. The Youth Commission has suggested a couple of possible dates; March 17 and April 8. **Recreation Supervisor Herb** will work with the Senior Advisory Commission to finalize a date.

- There is a HouseKeys article in the February Newsletter to help older adults understand the Affordable Buyer and Affordable Rental process in the City of Santa Clara.

**Recreation Manager Castro** provided the following updates:

- The Parks and Recreation Spring Activity Guide was mailed to residents and registration begins March 7.

- The Parks and Recreation Department is accessing the damage to trees and structures from the recent storms.

- The Gazebo Project at Mission Park is complete.

- The Montague Park Playground rehabilitation project is about two months away from completion.

- Just a reminder that the Senior Center Premium Membership includes access to all swim facilities.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**Commissioner Freitas** reported that VTA's Access Transportation has a Prius fleet that is not usable currently.

**Commissioner Drozek** asked about the strength of the WiFi at the Senior Center. **Commissioner Andrews** recommend that patrons switch over to the City WiFi when they enter the Senior Center.

**Commissioner McCauley** voiced a concern for older adults that have been losing power and there's no where for them to go. **Recreation Supervisor** reported that there are multiple warming centers open throughout the City with different hours.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair McCauley, seconded by Commissioner Freitas that the meeting be adjourned at 11:53 a.m.**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Drozek, Commissioner Freitas, Vice Chair McCauley, Chair Toledo, and Commissioner Andrews

**Excused:** 2 - Commissioner Hubbard, and Commissioner Sterling

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