

February 9, 2016

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on February 9, 2016 at 9:33 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center.

2. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Cohen, Kimmel-Dagostino, G. Davis, Kraemer, Miranda, Virobik and Chairperson K. Davis

Absent: None

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Reed

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioner Miranda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Former Commissioner Griffith and Commissioner Kraemer provided the inspirations.

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved and Commissioner G. Davis seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of February 9, 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson K. Davis requested that on page 3, under community programs, second paragraph, that the number be changed from 15 to 50.

Chairperson K. Davis announced that the Woman's Club would hold a rummage sale on February 13 and would be taking donations on Friday, February 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She noted that the Club last year supported ~~fifteen~~50 organizations and gave out about \$36,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Kraemer moved and Commissioner Miranda seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of January 12, 2016, as amended. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Commissioner Griffith, Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA)
Chair of Health, Nutrition and Long Term Care Committee

Julie Dojiri, Civic Affairs Chairperson for South Bay New Horizons

7. OLDER AMERICAN NOMINATIONS - Discussion

Former Commissioner Griffith stated that the Los Angeles County Recognition Luncheon for the Older Americans would be held on May 12, 2016.

Chairperson K. Davis stated that there could be multiple nominees for the City recognition, but that there could be only one nominee for the County award.

Chairperson K. Davis distributed information on her nominees: Beverly Greeno and Lloyd Alfred Brown, who she was nominating for the County award.

Commissioner Kraemer distributed information on her nominee for the City: Lynn Robinson.

Former Commissioner Griffith stated that she would like to nominate Jim Mills from the Transit Department.

It was decided that additional nominations could be made at the March meeting and then all nominees would be voted on.

There was a discussion of additional ways to recognize senior volunteers during Older Americans Month, perhaps during Orals in a City Council meeting.

8. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council Activities

Commissioner Kraemer reported that the Council had approved hiring a Historic Preservation consultant to advise the City on developing an ordinance.

Commissioner Kraemer announced that the Council had appointed new Commissioners and noted that the new Social Services Commission would have its first meeting on February 25.

Commissioner Kraemer noted that there would be Fourth of July fireworks at the Civic Center.

There was a discussion of excused and unexcused absences for Commission meetings.

Commissioner Kraemer discussed the project for widening the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne. She also noted that the City had community development block grant funds of close to \$1,000,000 to repair sidewalks and add features for the disabled.

B. Housing

None

C. Health

Commissioner Miranda reminded the Commissioners to get their flu shots and to learn about the zika virus.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino discussed transportation possibilities to the new NFL stadium in Inglewood and noted that the City would be offering bus service to the stadium.

Commissioner Cohen stated that during baseball season, there were free buses to Dodger Stadium from the Artesia Transit Center.

E. Community Programs

Commissioner Kraemer announced that there would be a "Seniors, Don't be Scammed" lecture on March 1, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chairperson K. Davis noted that the Woman's Club would hold a rummage sale on February 13.

Former Commissioner Griffith discussed services that under the federal Older American Act should be free of charge and not subject to means testing. She noted that dialing 211 would give information on community services. There was a discussion of sites that offered services.

Commissioner G. Davis reported that South Bay Village had received scholarships to help those that could not afford services. She reported that South Bay Village would be doing presentations at the First Baptist Church and another service organization.

There was a discussion of a grand pad, a tablet, which was specially designed for seniors.

F. Focal Point Program

Commissioner Virobik reported the following Focal Point statistics for the months of:

January 2016

Total number of documented calls: 52	Total number of callbacks: 11
Miscellaneous calls: 80	Total number of walk-ins: 65
Total number of calls received: 132	
Of the documented calls:	
27% were for transportation	39% were for housing
17.3% were for in home services	

Commissioner Virobik stated that three home service agencies had gone out of business due to new stricter State regulations. She noted that the AARP tax service had brought many more people to the Focal Point building.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Virobik reported on a Social Security email scam.

9. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie Dojiri, Former Commissioner Griffith, Commissioners Miranda, Kimmel-Dagostino, Virobik, G. Davis and Kraemer spoke.

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino announced that she would be going with five members of the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Furey to Washington DC at the end of April to discuss possible programs for Torrance with legislators.

Chairperson K. Davis announced that the new manager of Volunteer Center, Sarah Meyers would attend the next meeting and she would invite author Bruce Juell to attend with her.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:04 a.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kraemer and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted
 March 8, 2016
 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk