

May 10, 2016

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on May 10, 2016 at 9:30 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

Dolores Rizzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Former Commissioner Griffith provided the inspirations.

4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved and Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of May 10, 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner G. Davis moved and Commissioner Cohen seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of April 12, 2016, as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Terri Bauer

Dolores Rizzo

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

Senior Librarian Coates, South East Library, Library liaison to the Commission on Aging

Julie Dojiri, Civic Affairs Chairperson for South Bay New Horizons

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**7. PRESENTATION: Captain Jason Dobine, EMS Coordinator for Torrance Fire Department.
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Chairperson K. Davis stated that Captain Dobine was unable to attend the meeting and it was decided to re-schedule him the presentation for the July meeting.

8. OLDER AMERICAN NOMINATIONS - Debrief

Commissioner Cohen reported that seven people representing Torrance attended the County Award ceremony on May 5 and noted that the event was very impressive.

Chairperson K. Davis announced the City awards would be presented on May 17 and noted that Lloyd Brown had passed away before he was able to receive his awards from the County and the City.

9. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council Activities

Commissioner Kraemer reported that this year's Fourth of July fireworks would be smaller bursts, but more fireworks, than previous displays at Wilson Park. She stated that upgrades continued at the Cultural Center and noted that new flooring had recently been approved.

There was a discussion of event ticket prices at the Armstrong Theater.

Commissioner Kraemer explained that Exxon Mobil had re-started as of May 10. She reported that the City had conducted a "Students in Government Day." She noted that she had participated in the selection process for the "Beat the Odds" program sponsored by the Youth Council and added that it was a well-run program and a heartwarming experience.

Commissioner Kraemer announced that for those Commissioners who needed to complete the online Ethics training, the deadline was May 12.

B. Housing

Commissioner Kraemer stated that a six story senior condominium complex would be built on Prairie Avenue, near Artesia Boulevard.

There was a discussion of the land use for housing at the Veteran's Center in Westwood.

C. Health

Commissioner Kraemer reported on an article on potential health problems for seniors.

Commissioner Virobik announced that a free class on advanced health care directives would be held at Torrance Memorial Medical Center on May 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and advanced registration was required. There was a discussion on advanced care directives.

Former Commissioner Griffith noted that free downloads of Microsoft Windows 10 would still be available for those with accessibility problems.

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino noted that on Fire Service Day, the Fire Department had explained the use of the vials of life.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported that she had attended a meeting with Yellow Cab and discussed problems that had been occurring with the senior swipe cards, for both the riders and drivers. She noted that other cities had different procedures for the swipe card which did not use a value of \$13 per trip ticket, but instead used dollar amounts only.

There was a discussion of Uber and the differences from standard taxis.

Responding to a question from Ms. Bauer, Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino explained the Senior Taxi program and the swipe card system and advised Ms. Bauer to visit the Transit's department desk at the Annex building at City Hall for further information on the senior taxi program and transportation for the disabled.

Commissioner Miranda noted that many health plans provided door to door transportation.

There was a discussion of how to determine the amount of rides left on the swipe card and how long the amounts were valid.

Dolores Rizzo stated that her husband had had very good experiences with the senior taxi program.

E. Community Programs

Commissioner Miranda reported on a Neighborhood Watch meeting that took place in the Sur La Brea Park area and added that there had been a discussion of the gang problems at the Sur La Brea Park and the mobile home park on Walnut. He noted that the Police recommended that homeowners display “beware of dog” and security systems signs and security cameras, even if the signs and the cameras were fakes, and buy and use a system that allowed them to speak remotely to persons ringing their doorbell.

There was a discussion of the mobile home parks and the previous subsidy for space rentals.

Commissioner G. Davis stated that the Successful Aging Expo was an outstanding and well planned event.

Chairperson K. Davis reported that the Annual Senior Fair would be held at the Ken Miller Recreation Center on May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

F. Focal Point Program

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

April 2016

Total number of documented calls: 41	Total number of callbacks: 14
Miscellaneous calls: 85	Total number of walk-ins: 58
Total number of calls received: 126	
Of the documented calls:	
32% were for transportation	49% were for housing
10% were for in home services	

She noted that Focal Point would be at the Annual Senior Fair on May 14.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

None

10. ORALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Kimmel-Dagostino reported that she had visited Washington D.C. with a group of 120 people from the Los Angeles County Chambers of Commerce. She stated that the group had been able to get a resolution through Congress to bring the Olympics back to Los Angeles in 2024 and added that the decision should be made by the Olympic Committee in 2017. She noted that the groups had also spoken about their concerns regarding the closing of the Los Angeles Air Force Base and addressed many other issues with the Representatives.

Former Commissioner Griffith suggested that the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center could organize a daily or weekly walk for seniors.

There was a discussion of possible changes, improvements to the facility and additions to the programs in the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center, in order to attract more people.

Commissioner G. Davis stated that the South Bay Village was doing well and could always use more volunteers.

Julie Dojiri reported that there was a consortium trying to save Torrance Adult School and added that there was a meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at Levy School at 1:30 p.m.

Senior Librarian Coates reported that he had attended a conference on seniors in the library.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:10 a.m., Commissioner Miranda moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner G. Davis and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted July 12, 2016 s/ Rebecca Poirier, City Clerk
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