



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging
Held via Teleconference (Zoom)
Sept. 8, 2021

Chairman Glenn Ripley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Commission Members, Lowden, Ripley, Sandoval, Pearce, Van Dyke, Whitworth

Absent: Commissioner Boyer

Staff: City Manager Kathleen Trepa

Approval of Agenda:

The following amendments were made to the agenda: In item 2d, add “Winters” to Elder Day Council.

Motion by Commission Member Pearce to approve the agenda with changes, second by Commission Member Sandoval. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commission Members Lowden Sandoval, Pearce, Ripley, VanDyke, Whitworth

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging Held on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021 via Zoom.

Motion by Commission Member Whitworth to approve the Consent Calendar, second by Commission Member Sandoval. Motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commission Members Sandoval, Pearce, Ripley, VanDyke, Whitworth,
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Lowden

DISCUSSION: Round Table Updates/Q & A:

1. City Admin Updates/Items

City Manager Trepá reported that the City Council appointed Commissioner Valerie Whitworth, who had been serving as an alternate, as a Commission Member. She will fill the chair for Debra Palmer and will complete that term.

She also noted that the City met with the construction firm Domus to discuss the possibility that it would complete the Senior Center construction, rather than going out to bid, as it was originally part of Blue Mountain Terrace. Domus will provide the City with a written proposal in the next couple of weeks.

2. Community Liaison Reports

a. Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services (YCCA&AS) - Commission Member Boyer

Commissioner Boyer was not present, but Chairman Ripley noted that the YCCA & AS did not meet in August.

b. Winters Senior Foundation (WSF) – Chairman Ripley

WSF commenced chair yoga classes, which will be offered every Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. In addition, WSF is kicking off gameday on Thursday afternoon at 1 pm at St. Anthony Center.

Other items on the WSF agenda included the Christmas Dinner and Christmas Santa Bags. The dinner is still on hold, but WSF moving forward to distribute Santa Bags. WSF member Karen May asked for recommendations for recipients that meet qualifications be sent to Wintersseniorfoundation@gmail.com by early November.

City Manager Trepá asked WSF to let city staff know how they can contribute.

c. Winters Community (WCC) - Commission Member Tina Lowden

Chairman Ripley noted that the name should say HAC instead of WCC.

Commission Member Lowden said Festival de la Comunidad was canceled, but the committee will decorate downtown for Hispanic Heritage Month between Sept. 24 and 27.

Chairman Ripley attended a recent HAC meeting, and he was interested in whether the committee could help distribute the Senior Center Program Survey. He said he was told

that text messaging might be a good way to connect with the Hispanic community and he is following up on that possibility.

d. Area 4/Winters Elder Day Council (WEDC) - Commission Member Wally Pearce

There was no report for this month.

3. Projects

a. Resource Guide

City Manager Trepa said the final version of the guide is in process.

b. Senior Center Program Questionnaire

Commissioners provided feedback to Commission Member Sandoval. She is putting together another draft and then will look at options for timing and distribution. Chairman Ripley said there should be some firm updates by the next meeting.

c. Legislative platform

Commissioner Pearce is working on a template letter for the Commission to comment on legislation related to seniors. The Commission discussed the process for how to make formal recommendations to the City Council.

City Manager Trepa stated that the process might work as follows:

The Commission would develop the legislative platform and then take action to recommend the City Council approve it. If the City Council adopts it, that will provide guidance to the Commission to track bills. If the Commission decides it would like to support or oppose a bill and if it falls within the approved legislative platform, it could recommend that the Mayor could sign a formal letter that would be submitted through the State's portal.

Chairman Ripley and Commission Member Pearce will form an ad hoc committee to discuss and review the legislative platform before it is presented to the full Commission.

City Manager Trepa recommended looking at advocacy guidance from CalCities.

d. Goals and objectives

The Commission continued its discussion of goals and objectives for the coming year. Chairman Ripley will attend the Sept. 21 City Council meeting to present and discuss accomplishments from the past year and objectives for the coming year.

The commission also discussed in-depth its concerns about safety on Grant Avenue, especially for seniors trying to cross the street.

INFORMATION ONLY:

The next regular meeting of the Winters Senior Commission on Aging will be held via teleconference Oct. 13, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting ended at 6:29 pm

Dawn Van Dyke

Dawn Van Dyke, Secretary