

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2017; 9:00 A.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Senior Commission meeting was called to order by City Clerk Brenda Green at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2017 at the Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Parkin
3. **Administration of Oath of Office for newly appointed Senior Commissioners**
4. **Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Ashendorf; Commissioner Merchant; Commissioner Neft; Commissioner Parkin; Commissioner Ramos; Commissioner Steck

Absent:

Staff Present: Brenda Green, City Clerk; Justin Martin, Recreation Manager; Yvette Aguilar, Senior Center Program Administrator; & Samantha Hall, Administrative Secretary

5. **Senior Commission Reorganization**

- a) Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

City Clerk Brenda Green opened nominations for Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ramos to nominate Commissioner Ashendorf for Chair, seconded by Commissioners Neft and Steck.

City Clerk Brenda Green asked for any other nominations for Chair. Seeing none, Ms. Green closed nominations for Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Steck to close nominations for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Parkin. MOTION carries 6-0.

MOTION made by Commissioner Ramos to nominate Commissioner Ashendorf for Chair, seconded by Commissioners Neft and Steck. MOTION carries 6-0.

City Clerk Brenda Green opened nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Steck to nominate Commissioner Ramos for Vice Chair. Motion fails for lack of second.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION made by Commissioner Parkin to nominate Commissioner Neft for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Merchant.

City Clerk Brenda Green asked for any other nominations for Vice Chair. Seeing none, Ms. Green closed nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION made by Commissioner Neft to close nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Chair Ashendorf. MOTION carries 6-0.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION made by Commissioner Parkin to nominate Commissioner Neft for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Merchant. MOTION carries 6-0.

[Intermission]

Recreation Manager Justin Manager suggested Commissioner Introductions during intermission.

Commissioner Parkin: Advised was a member of the previous Senior Commission, is a retired engineer after 36 years with General Motors, involved in some committees and with grandson's sports, and is trying to enjoy life.

Commissioner Merchant: Advised this is first time on a Commission in Costa Mesa, a Registered Nurse for twelve years and an adult geriatric nurse practitioner for three years, teaches at UCI and practices primary care in Santa Ana. Advised looking forward to being a resource regarding health and wellness.

Vice Chair Neft: Advised has been a [Costa Mesa] resident since 1966 and a graduate of UCI, worked at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard until its closure, spends time volunteering, was previously a Union Representative, and advised his mother was on the [Committee that was responsible for establishing the Senior Center], mother and wife were both here for the opening.

Commissioner Ramos: Advised was a retired, longtime resident with a lot of family history in the city, also served on the previous Senior Commission, wants to provide programs to the Senior Center and the city, and advised the [Senior Center] building was previously the second 'City Hall'.

Commissioner Steck: Advised has lived in Costa Mesa since 1960, since retiring spends time volunteering, current member of the Historical Society and former member of the Cultural Arts Committee.

Chair Ashendorf: Advised has been a 15-year resident of Costa Mesa, was an original member of the Costa Mesa Board of Directors, active volunteer at the [Senior] Center, also serves on the Cultural Arts Committee, and on foundation for the Friends of the Library, advised really excited to be a representative for the Seniors.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2016 Meeting of the Senior Commission

MOTION made by Commissioner Parkin to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ramos. MOTION carries 6-0.

7. Public Comments

1. Geoff West, Costa Mesa, thanked the Commission for their service.
2. Lisa Knowles, Costa Mesa, spoke on senior bus transportation issues.

Chair Ashendorf asked staff to respond at the appropriate time.

8. Presentation – Goals & Objectives – Review

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Chair Ashendorf thanked staff and previous Senior Commissioners for their direction.

Discussion ensued on detail and content of the presentation, the accreditation status, and the ability to achieve the five year goal.

9. Old Business

No items.

10. New Business

No items.

11. Senior Center Program Administrator's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents report.

12. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Steck requested to postpone her comments.

Commissioner Ramos spoke on bringing the membership of the Senior Center more aligned with the city, would like support from staff and fellow Commissioners to do a bus tour through the city, would like a Senior Day at City Hall, and requested Senior Center emergency plans.

Vice Chair Neft spoke on overlapping programs between different groups, inquired about Wi-Fi availability, suggested providing volunteer help for people with technological problems, and suggested reading radio scripts as a program addition.

Commissioner Merchant spoke on potential delegation of topics to Commissioners.

Mr. Justin Martin advised that is something that could be put on a future agenda.

Commissioner Merchant inquired what classes seniors might be interested in so she can implement programs with nursing students or other creative ways to educate the seniors and also inquired about social services and the social worker.

Discussion ensued on the Senior Center social worker's hours and appointments.

Commissioner Parkin thanked Yvette and Justin, inquired about the membership card process, suggested a presentation to City Council to tell them everything that's going on, and requested a ride-along with the home delivered meal program.

Commissioner Steck suggested mailing and/or emailing the membership for their feedback on the [Senior] Center and the community.

Vice Chair Neft inquired about Commissioner name badges.

Commissioner Ramos encouraged fellow Commissioners to attend social events and garner feedback from the events.

Chair Ashendorf encouraged everyone to embrace *The Chronicle*, encouraged everyone to visit the art gallery, acknowledged Ms. Margolis and invited fellow Commissioners to attend a Senior Advisory Committee meeting, spoke on the upcoming membership social, spoke on the utility box near the Senior Center, requested to look into bringing back swing dances, recommended strengthening *The Chronicle* with resource information for groups such as veterans and disabled, spoke on the upcoming Community Run and invited fellow Senior Commissioners to walk with her, and requested staff to address the Public Comment from Ms. Knowles.

Mr. Justin Martin spoke on the Community Run.

Ms. Yvette Aguilar spoke on current transportation methods and upcoming phased changes.

Chair Ashendorf recommended agendaizing the transportation discussion.

Mr. Justin Martin spoke on upcoming Senior Center events.

Commissioner Steck advised she would be unable to attend the May 9th Senior Commission Meeting.


13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ashendorf at 10:06 a.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of The Senior Commission
is on Tuesday, May 9, 2017**



Prepared by Samantha Hall
Senior Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Recreation Manager