

City of San José Senior Citizens Commission Quarterly Meeting

District 1 - Warren Gannon
District 3 – Vacant
District 5 - Rita Mora
District 7 - Joyce Rabourn, Chair
District 9 - Vacant
Citywide - Richard McCoy

Marie Hayter, Vice Chair - District 2
Anne Orozco Ramirez - District 4
Patrick Hall - District 6
Nancy Williamson - District 8
Vince Tarpey - District 10

AGENDA

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

March 12, 2015

San José City Hall
T-1654

1) Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Rabourn

2) Adoption of Orders of the Day

Once adopted, a variation in agenda order must be approved. If you wish an item taken in a different order, your request should be made at this time. It should be noted that this meeting will be tape recorded.

(a) Approval of March 12, 2015 Full Senior Commission Agenda as written with the following amendments:

Rabourn

ACTION:

M:

S:

TIME CERTAIN: *(Subject to change under Orders of the Day to amend Agenda when Guest Speakers arrive - to move their item to an appropriate time)*

- a) 3:30pm: Cara Sansoni
- b) Dave Bopf

3) Introductions

(a) Introduction of Other Guests

4) Public Comment (*Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda may do so under Open Forum. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes. All statements that require a response may be placed on the agenda for a future meeting and may be referred to staff for review and reply in writing.*)

5) Approval of Minutes

Rabourn

(a) Recommendation to approve December 11, 2014 Minutes.

1) [December 11th Minutes](#)

ACTION:

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S:

6) PRNS report

PRNS Staff

- a) Update on Senior Membership fees
- b) Older American's Month
- c) Age Friendly City
- d) NSE Presentation (April 9th)

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION:

M:

S:

7) Correspondence: (Correspondence Binder)

Correspondence is updated and available for review in the Correspondence Binder.

8) Chair Report

Rabourn

9) Committee reports

a) Health & Safety

[October 30, 2014 Minutes](#)

Vaidya

Discussion and possible action.

M: **S:**

- b) Housing & Human Services
[January 7, 2015 Minutes](#)

McCoy

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and Council recommending that the SPA (Senior Peer Advocate Program) aggressively recruit bi-lingual Punjabi speakers; the City investigate securing bi-lingual ESL teachers to outreach to the Senior Sikh community at the Sikh temple and/or the Evergreen, Berryessa, and Northside Community Centers; the City Community Centers acknowledge November as Sikh Awareness Month as declared by Governor Brown and schedule Sikh events in their centers; and, the City reinstate the weekly Indian cooked vegetarian meals at Northside Community Center.

M: **S:**

10) Nomination Committee Appointments

Rabourn

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION:

M: **S:**

11) Old Business

- a) Rent Control: Motion from December 11, 2014 meeting.

Senior Commission to write letter to Mayor and Council supporting Councilperson Campos's recommendation to update the City of San Jose's rent control ordinance to the extent allowed under California law in order to expand the city's ability to monitor and regulate fair housing laws to existing multifamily units.

Discussion and possible action.

**O'Connell
Hayter
McCoy**

ACTION:

M: McCoy

S: Gannon

- b) Report on VTA board meeting February 5th-priority seating on public vehicles **Rabourn**
Discussion and possible action.

ACTION:

M:

S:

12) New Business

O'Connell

- a) Sewer rate change as related to renters and mobilehomes

Discussion and possible action.

[Attachment 1](#)

[Attachment 2](#)

ACTION: Senior Commission with a letter to Mayor and City Council expressing concern that Seniors who live in mobilehomes and apartments will be negatively impacted by the imposition of a property related tax to fund sanitary sewer infrastructure repairs/upgrades. The Commission is also concerned that under Proposition 218 apartment renters and mobilehome owners cannot protest the tax, which they will eventually have to pay. Therefore, the Commission recommends that a more equitable, alternative funding source be found.

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- b) VTA campaign for October Disability Awareness Month

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Priority seating on public transportation

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S:

- c) Discussion regarding VTA Drivers

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Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Hiring and keeping drivers who can perform the essential functions of the job.

M: **S:**

d) VTA driver sensitivity training

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION:

M: **S:**

13) The Health Trust Overview and Healthy Aging Initiative

Cara Sansoni
Director of Healthy Aging

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION:

M: **S:**

14) Review of action items

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15) Announcements

All

16) Next meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2015, 1:30-4:30pm, room T-1654

17) Adjournment

Rabourn

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On occasion the Senior Commission may consider agenda items out of order.

The Senior Commission meets every 2nd Thursday/Quarterly at 1:30 p.m. and, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Commission staff. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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