



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

DRAFT MINUTES

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 –1:40 p.m.

Rabourn

Present: Warren Gannon, Marie Hayter, Rita Mora, Patrick Hall, Joyce Rabourn, Richard McCoy, Nancy Williamson, Vince Tarpey, Patrick Hall

Absent: Anne Orozco Ramirez, 2 vacant

Emeritus: Elisa Perez-Lindley, Martha O’Connell, Frances Jones

Staff: Tracey Gott, Mary O’ Meara, Ijeoma Eke

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:

All

ACTION: Amendment: To add item: Speakers will be heard at the commission’s and the speaker’s convenience.

M: Rabourn

S: McCoy

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 3

ACTION: Propose to discuss item #10 – Nomination Committee Appointments, right after approval of December 11th minutes since some commissioners need to leave early.

M: Rabourn **S:** Hall

Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0
Absent: 3

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) 2:30 pm Dave Bopf, Interim Assistant Director, San Jose Housing Department

3) Introductions

(a) Introductions of Other Guests:

- Harbans Singh
- Balbir S. Ladhar
- Harder S. Athwal
- Gurdant Singh
- Kanwal Pal Sahai
- Amarjit Singh Sahai
- Ajit S. Thandi
- Harparkosh S. Dhillon
- Lien Nguyen (Outreach)
- Diane Madriz (John 23rd)
- David Hernandez (East Side Neighborhood Center & Catholic Charities)
- Diego Ramos (Gardner Community Center, SPA representative)
- Bob Lindley
- Jolene Bradford (VTA)
- Mat Chacko (PRNS)
- Leo Pednoza (local 270 Union)

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.)*

- David Hernandez from Catholic Charities requested to be placed on the agenda at an upcoming senior commission meeting to share some of the updates and changes happening with Catholic Charities.

5) Approval of Minutes

Rabourn

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

1) [December 11th Minutes](#)

ACTION: Approval of December 11th Minutes.

M: Hall **S:** McCoy

In favor: ALL

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

6) PRNS Report

Mary O' Meara

a) Membership Fees

- Membership money will be collected by staff at each community center
- Non profit advisory councils can decide to sign an MOU with the City and receive the membership funds collected by the City

b) Older American's Month

- Proclamation at City Council on May 5th "Get in the Act"

c) Age Friendly City

- World Health Organization (WHO) in 2006, identified two needs: aging population, and urbanization
- 8 domains of an Age Friendly city: Outdoor spaces and buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social participation, Respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services.
- 35 Age Friendly cities in the Country (Los Altos, Portland, Oregon, New York)
- The City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara are partnering to advance San Jose and the County as "Age Friendly"

d) NSE Presentation (April 9th)

- Joyce and Marie along with City staff will present and give updates on the Senior Commission workplan

e) **Black & White Ball (April 24th)**

- [Black & White Ball Flyer](#)

7) **Correspondence:** (Correspondence Binder)

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

8) **Reports**

a) Chair Report

Rabourn

- Flames Lunch, June 11th
- Trying to figure out why the City council wants to get rid of the Emeritus program. The commission wants to move forward.
- [Attachment Handout](#)

9) **Committee Reports**

a) Health & Safety

Vaidya

[October 30, 2014 Minutes](#)

ACTION: None

b) Housing & Human Services

McCoy

[January 7, 2015 Minutes](#)

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and Council recommending that the 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 investigate securing bi-lingual ESL teachers to outreach to the Senior Sikh community at the Sikh City reinstate the weekly Indian cooked vegetarian meals at Northside Community Center.

M: McCoy **S:** Hall (Rabourn to write letter)

Amendment: Remove “SPA (Senior Peer Advocate Program) aggressively recruit bilingual Punjabi speakers” from original motion.

M: Hayter **S:** Mora

In Favor: 7

Opposed: 1

Abstained: 0

ACTION: Vote on the amended motion listed above.

In Favor: ALL
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

10) Nomination Committee Appointments*

Rabourn

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Nomination Committee with Marie Hayter as Chair, Joyce Rabourn, and Richard McCoy nominated the below commissioners for emeriti status.

M: Rabourn **S:** Hall

Nominations:

Joyce Rabourn: **in favor: 6, opposed: 0, abstained: 2**

Marie Hayter: **in favor: 6, opposed 0, abstained: 2**

Richard McCoy: **in favor: 6, opposed: 0, abstained: 2**

***This item was not properly agendized in accordance with the Brown Act. The action taken above is invalid.**

11) Old Business

**O'Connell
Hayter
McCoy**

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

[Housing Department Presentation](#)

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Senior Commission 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.

M: McCoy (write the letter) **S:** Gannon

In Favor: 6

Opposed: 1
Abstained: 1

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 write 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.

M: Gannon (write the letter) **S:** McCoy

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

b) VTA campaign for October Disability Awareness Month

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: Senior Commission to write letter to Mayor and City Council requesting that VTA review and launch a poster and brochure campaign which educates the public about priority seating for seniors and the disabled. Said publicity campaign should utilize pictures of ethnically diverse and disabled seniors in its materials.

M: Rabourn (write the letter) **S:** McCoy

c) Discussion regarding VTA Drivers

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: The Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending the VTA review its hiring and maintaining drivers who can perform the essential functions of the job, including properly assisting those with disabilities.

M: Hayter **S:** Rabourn

ACTION: Table action until Commission receives more information from a VTA training representative.

M: McCoy **S:** Gannon

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

d) VTA driver sensitivity training

Discussion and possible action.

ACTION: The Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that the VTA consider additional sensitivity training for the drivers regarding the needs of the riders who are disabled.

M: Hayter **S:** McCoy

ACTION: Table action until Commission receives more information from a VTA training representative.

M: McCoy **S:** Gannon

In Favor: 7
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

13) The Health Trust Overview and Healthy Aging Initiative

Cara Sansoni

No presentation.

14) Review of Action Items

PRNS Staff

- ACTION: Adoption of the order of the Day, M: Rabourn, S: McCoy
- ACTION: Approval of Minutes, M: Hall, S: McCoy
- ACTION: 9b, M: McCoy, S: Gannon; McCoy to write letter

- ACTION: 11a, M: McCoy S: Gannon, McCoy to write letter
- ACTION: 12a, M: Gannon, S: McCoy, Gannon to write letter
- ACTION: 12b, M: Rabourn, S: McCoy, Rabourn write letter
- ACTION: 12c&d, tabled, M: McCoy, S: Gannon

15) Announcements

All

- Flames Lunch-June 11th
- Senior Walks: April 17th (District 1), May 20th @ Eastridge Mall
- April 25th Great American Litter Pickup

16) Next Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2015, Room T-1654 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m

17) Adjournment

Rabourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

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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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