



**SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
HEALTH & SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE**

DRAFT MINUTES

**Thursday, May 21, 2015
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM**

**City of San José – T644
200 E. Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113**

(a) CALL TO ORDER

(1) The meeting was called to order at 1:38 PM by Chaitanya Vaidya.

Present: Martha O’Connell, Joyce Rabourn (Ex-Officio), Vince Tarpey, Chaitanya Vaidya, Nancy Williamson.

Other Community Members/ Commissioners: Marie Hayter, Warren Gannon, Rita Mora, Jess Jacques, Robert Winsor

Absent: None

Staff: Adriana Copado

(b) INTRODUCTIONS OF THE GUESTS

Guest: Laura Wells, Department of Transportation

Guest: Bob Campbell, Foster Grandparent Program

Rabourn introduced guest speakers

(c) ADOPTION OF ORDERS OF THE DAY

ACTION: Approval of order of the day.
(M/S/C: O’Connell/Gannon)

(d) Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Approval of February 26 minutes as written with the following amendments:

- (a) Roger Lasson is a part of the H&S Sub-Committee and his name should be place with the rest of the committee members.
- (b) Page 2 (k) the way the statement is written sounds like the abolishment of the Emeritus program has been approved, (not correct).A draft was supposed to be at the May meeting of the rules committee and it has been pushed back until June 2015. It has been proposed but not finalized.

M: O' Connell

S: Tarpey

(e) OPEN FORUM

- Community member O'Connell mentioned at a meeting she attended with San Jose Police Department, reported that they issued 52 tickets last month (April) on the bicycle/sidewalk ban. Huge accomplishment for the senior commission.
- Community member O'Connell suggested Senior Commission look at taking on the Pedestrian Facilitation Area (no sit, no lay on sidewalk) a project for the new senior commissioners. San Jose Police Department suggested senior commission and housing commission should place issue on their agenda to look into expanding its streets to include 5th street.

(f) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Vaidya would like to say thank you for the support and this will be his last meeting. Thanks to all H&S subcommittee members who have supported him through the years.

(g) NEW BUSINESS

(1) Discussion and possible action on Transportation, "Vision Zero".

- Laura Wells from the Department of Transportation gave a detailed presentation on Vision Zero, a collaborative approach addressing Transportation safety in San Jose. Discussion only. No action.

(2) Announcement of Nomination Committee: Marie Hayter, Chair; Patrick Hall; Vince Tarpey; Nancy Williamson.

No action.

(2) Discussion and possible action on presentation of Foster Grandparents Program/ S.Companion Program.

- Bob Campbell gave a presentation on Foster Grandparent Program. He is seeking funding for the program in the amount of \$23,000 so that he can continue to provide the program in the City of San Jose.

ACTION: Senior Commission adds item to agenda and writes a letter to City Council to help support Foster Grandparent Program in funding \$23,000 to Foster Grandparent Program. The motion was made on the floor, no vote since there is no quorum (Williamson left early).

M: Martha

S: Chai

(i) STATUS REPORT ON OBJECTIVES

Decision was made to focus on the following Objectives:

- (a) Invite experts to speak to the Health & Safety Sub Committee regarding senior health-care needs. Ongoing item and continue to invite guests.
- (b) Commissioners will monitor pedestrian and traffic safety issues in their council districts and advocate for safety changes as needed.
- (c) Foster in our city the ongoing countywide efforts on “Fall Prevention for seniors”. New commissioners can come up with new ideas to address issue.

(j) REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: Minutes of February 26, 2015 Meeting were approved as written.
(M/S/C: O’Connell/Tarpey)

(k) ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

(l) NEXT MEETING

TBD

(m) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Submitted by Adriana Copado.