



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED  
THIS 14<sup>th</sup> of FEBRUARY, 2018, AT 8:30 A.M.  
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER  
1102 OXLEY STREET**

**ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:30 a.m.

Vice-Chair Vanderwall called the roll. Present were Vice Chair Vanderwall, City Commissioners Levitt, Hurtado Sokolow, and Knight.

Staff present: Community Services Supervisor Torres.

Senior Citizens Foundation of So Pas representative was not present.

City Council Liaison, Bob Joe, was not present.

City Treasurer, Gary Pia, was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice-Chair Vanderwall opened the Public Comments section.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Vice-Chair Vanderwall closed the Public Comments section.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2018**

Commissioner Levitt motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Knight.

**AYES:** Levitt, Knight, Hurtado Sokolow, and Vanderwall.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Commissioner Levitt nominated Vice-Chair Bob Vanderwall to be Chair. Commissioners Levitt, Knight and Hurtado Sokolow all voted Aye. Commissioner Hurtado Sokolow nominated Commissioner Knight to be Vice-Chair. Commissioner Levitt, Hurtado Sokolow and new Chair Vanderwall all voted Aye.

### **2. 2018 GOALS**

#### **Safety of Frail Seniors**

Discussed the use of Map Your Neighborhood as a tool to get more information about frail and isolated seniors to the Senior Center which could be used as a clearing house for information in case of an emergency. Supervisor Torres also mentioned a need for next of kin knowledge when those living alone are in an emergency situation or pass away. Officials often have no idea who to contact.

Discussed the possibility of expanding the registry the Senior Center already has especially since it is a known institution for many in South Pasadena. There would need to be cooperation on this project with both the Fire and Police Departments.

Chair Vanderwall discussed the use of Ham radios to support the city in times of an emergency. In hopes of cooperation across city platforms, the Commission will ask the Council to convene a meeting of Police, Fire and Senior Center to discuss implementation.

Supervisor Torres will prepare a registration form and an outreach plan that would include going to churches, local groups, such as Los Vecinos, the Chinese-American Club, WISPAA, the SPHS PTA etc.

Commissioners will be part of an Ad Hoc Committee to address this issue with a future date to be determined.

#### **Education**

Community Presentation on Aging was tentatively scheduled for October 3. Commissioners Hurtado Sokolow and Levitt are on this committee along with Supervisor Torres. This is tentatively titled "What to do about Mom (and Dad)?". Vice-Chair Knight suggested asking Jon Primuth to be a part of the panel.

**3. UPDATE ON AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY CENTER**

Since there was no meeting, there was no update. This will be taken off future agendas until circumstances change.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4. REPORT ON EVENTS**

Valentines Lunch was scheduled for the day of the meeting. For Chinese New Year, February 23, 175 seniors have signed up to attend. On March 2 a workshop is scheduled to combat fraud and elder abuse. In January, a presentation called Senior Scams Acting Program was hosted by Anthony Portantino and was very successful.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**6. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

There was no City Council Liaison report.

**7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**


There were no Commissioner comments.

**8. STAFF LIAISON**

Staff did not have anything additional to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Levitt moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Chair Knight seconded it. Chair Vanderwall adjourned the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Commission at 9:30 am.



Chair Bob Vanderwall

Minutes approved by the Commission on

April 11, 2018