

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 9th OF JANUARY 2019, AT 8:30 A.M.
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER
1102 OXLEY STREET

ROLL CALL

Chair Vanderwall convened the Regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Citizen Commission at 8:30 A.M.

Chair Vanderwall called the roll. Present were Commissioners Levitt, Shon, Papadakis, Vice-Chair Knight.

Staff present: CSSupervisor Torres.

City Council Liaison present: Robert Joe.

City Treasurer present: Gary Pia.

South Pasadena Senior Citizen Foundation Liaison present: Richard Helgeson

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2018

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

AYES: Levitt, Knight, Shon, and Vanderwall

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Papadakis

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. New Senior Citizens Commissioner

New Senior Citizens Commissioner Julie Papadakis introduced herself and was welcomed by the Commissioners and Community Services Supervisor.

2. South Pasadena Senior Citizens Foundation Update:

Foundation liaison Richard Helgeson introduced himself and provided the Commission an update on a number of fundraising activities that the Foundation has initiated and are initiating, and reported that the Foundation is interested in partnering with the Commission on future community events and publications.

3. Update on Senior Commission Goals for 2019

Commissioner Levitt shared that three workshops are planned for April/May 2019 on caregiving and caregiver resources and well-being, which will be held over three consecutive weeks. A planning meeting is planned for the end of January 2019.

4. Senior Registry of Homebound Seniors

The new USC gerontology intern will start her internship at the Senior Center soon, after which time research on existing senior registry programs will be commence. A draft of policies and procedures for a registry program will be developed by Community Services Supervisor Torres based on the collected data. The South Pasadena Police Department and South Pasadena Fire Department will provide input into the development of the registry, which upon completion will be submitted to the South Pasadena City Manager.

5. Holiday Cheer Program 2018

Community Services Supervisor Torres reported that this most recent Holiday Cheer Program was the most successful in Senior Center history, with a new record for donations and the number of seniors who received holiday gift cards. An article on the success of this program will be submitted to a local newspaper.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Report on Events

Chinese New Year Luncheon will be held on February 8, 2019 at the War Memorial Building, and the Senior Center's Valentine's Luncheon will be held on February 13, 2019 at the South Pasadena Senior Center and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Pasadena.

2. City Council Liaison's Report

Councilman Joe provided the Commission with an update on a variety of events including the recent Active Shooter training provided at Holy Family Church, which henceforth will be offered to other faith-based organizations in South Pasadena as well. Councilman Joe also updated the Commission on the City's proposed use of homeless grant funds, including renting a bed at Union Station for a homeless individual, providing a case worker to assess and help provide and/or link homeless individuals to other needed programs and services for which they may be eligible.

3. Commissioner Comments

None

4. Staff Liaison Report

Community Services Supervisor Torres reported that 1) she developed the Senior Center calendar for 2019, 2) a health fair will not be held this year, however 3) an indoor screening/resource day will be held in May and September 2019 which currently includes representatives from Alhambra Hospital, Huntington Hospital, and the City of Hope.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Levitt moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Knight seconded it.

The regular Meeting of the South Pasadena Senior Commission adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Robert Vanderwall
Chair, Robert Vanderwall

Minutes approved by the Commission on February 13, 2019