

Minutes

FREMONT SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senior Center was not open for the May 22, 2020 meeting of the Senior Citizens Commission. The meeting was conducted remotely via video/teleconference. The Public were able to watch and/or participate in the public meeting by joining the meeting through the ZOOM Meeting Videoconference by a link provided prior to the meeting. The public also was able to join the meeting by calling a teleconference phone number, also provided prior to the meeting.

Friday, May 22, 2020

9:30 – 11:00 am

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Commissioner Young at 9:34 am.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Davis, Desai, Hamze, Helmand, Helton, Hoyne, Narasimhan, Schneider, Wasserman, Yamasaki, Yee and Young

Absent: None

Excused: None

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Those present said the salute to the flag

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2020

- Commissioner Wasserman moved and Commissioner Yamasaki seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented.

M/S/P

Yays: Commissioners Davis, Desai, Hamze, Helmand, Helton, Hoyne, Narasimhan, Schneider, Wasserman, Yamasaki, Yee and Young

Nays: None

Abstain: None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There was no oral communication

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no written communication

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 SPRING FLING UPDATE – Karen Grimsich, AFS

- Karen shared the invitation to the Un-Event Garden Party.
- She explained that the event is still being held to raise money for the PUN Fund and that the goal is to raise \$10,000.
- Karen reviewed the criteria for the “Difference Maker Award” as well as the three nominations from the commissioners.
- Commissioner Yamasaki made a motion and Commissioner Desai seconded the motion that the commissioners vote on which of the three they would like to give the award to.
 - Voting was using the Zoom Poll feature. Those that could not use the poll, sent their vote in via the chat on zoom.
 - Sue TenEyck was the winner

Yays: Commissioners Davis, Desai, Hamze, Helmand, Helton, Hoyne, Narasimhan, Schneider, Wasserman, Yamasaki, Yee and Young

Nays: None

Abstain: None

7.2 ACTION AREAS – Commissioner Young, Chair

- Commissioner Young, Chair, presented the 2020 Action Areas.
- Commissioner Hamze made a motion and Commissioner Desai seconded the motion to accept the 2020 Action Areas as presented

Yays: Commissioners Davis, Desai, Hamze, Helmand, Helton, Hoyne, Narasimhan, Schneider, Wasserman, Yamasaki, Yee and Young

Nays: None

Abstain: None

7.3 STATE BUDGET MAY REVISE – Karen Grimsich

- Karen shared that it is proposed that the MSSP, a case management program available through the Human Services Department, be eliminated from the State budget as of July 1, 2020
- Karen shared a draft letter of opposition to the elimination of the MSSP

program.

- Commissioner Desai made a motion and Commissioner Hamze seconded the motion to submit a letter of opposition to the elimination of the MSSP case management program and to put all the commissioners name on the bottom of the letter.
- Discussion was held prior to taking the vote.
- Commissioner Schneider said she will vote in favor of the letter, however, she does not want her name included on the letter.

Yays: Commissioners Davis, Desai, Hamze, Helmand, Helton, Hoyne, Narasimhan, Schneider, Wasserman, Yamasaki, Yee and Young

Nays: None

Abstain: None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE – Suzanne Shenfil, HSD Director

- Suzanne Shenfil shared that as of March 16, 2020, the City of Fremont Human Services Department (HSD) staff have been working remotely
- Using a PowerPoint presentation, she was able to share with the commissioners on how the department services are currently being provided.
- Following the presentation, there was time for questions and answers.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS

9.1 Health Issues – Commissioner Helton and Commissioner Hoyne

- Commissioner Helton talked about the effect of Covid-19 and the SIP on seniors.
- Commissioner Hoyne gave an update on what Life ElderCare has been doing and changes that have been made to assist seniors during this time.
- Karen Grimsich shared that Life ElderCare is being highlighted on the cover of the June Age-Friendly Fremont Newsletter.

9.2 Planning Commission Committee – Commissioner Schneider

- No Report at this time

10. COMMISSION REFERRALS

None at this time

11. STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Aging and Family Services – Karen Grimsich, Administrator AFS

- Karen shared that the new Age Well center is still being built in the Warm Springs area and that the opening is scheduled for January 2021.
- Karen shared a handout about “Great Plates”, a restaurant program for seniors, and explained how the program will work.

11.2 Senior Center – Aisha Jasper, Senior Center Manager

- Aisha shared the Age Friendly newsletter with the commissioners
- Aisha shared that the senior center is now providing (at a cost) frozen meals each week as well as the one-time BBQ.
 - A Partnership with Life ElderCare is being started where they will pick-up and deliver frozen meals to those that wish to purchase them, but cannot pick them up themselves.
- Aisha announced that there are numerous online classes being held via Zoom and they are being well attended each week.
- The Senior Center continues to partner with TCV with the food pantry. It is still being held twice a month but instead of people picking what they want, they are all given a bag of groceries that has been put together for them. 130 bags are given away twice a month.
- Aisha shared some of the facility work that is being done around the center during the closure.

12. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Young, Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting via Zoom and the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn R Hood, Recording Secretary