

**THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE SENIOR COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 13, 2018; 9:00 A.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** The Senior Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Ashendorf at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2018 at the Senior Center, 695 W. 19th Street, Costa Mesa, California.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Neft

3. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Steck, Commissioner Love, Commissioner Neft, Commissioner Parkin, Commissioner Ramos

Absent: Commissioner Cohen

Staff Present: Yvette Aguilar, Recreation Manager; Marianna Peña, Recreation Coordinator; Allison Burch, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 10, 2018 Meeting of the Senior Commission**

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Parkin moves to approve the minutes as amended/Seconded by Chair Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Steck, Commissioner Love, Commissioner Neft, Commissioner Parkin, Commissioner Ramos.

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Cohen

Motion Carried: 6-0-1

5. **Public Comments**

1. Senior Center member, Sherryl Ward, thanked the Commission for the newly installed grab rails in the restrooms.

Chair Ashendorf closes Public Comment.

6. **Presentation**

a) 2018 Programs and Services Review

Ms. Marianna Peña presents.

Commissioner Neft asked if there is a specific reason that the Senior Center's social services numbers are up and if members have been turned away from Special Events due to established event capacity limits.

Vice Chair Steck requested a copy of the presentation.

Chair Ashendorf spoke about the new raised garden beds at the community garden, the Parks and Community Services Facebook page videos; and asked about the CDBG grant that was awarded to the Senior Center.

Commissioner Ramos asked to what capacity the Senior Center has been working with the Lighthouse Church.

7. Old Business

No Items

8. New Business

No Items

9. Recreation Manager's Report

Ms. Yvette Aguilar presents.

Commissioner Parkin asked if Senior Center staff are prepared to host the City's public meetings.

Vice Chair Steck asked how many people voted at the Senior Center during the November election.

Chair Ashendorf asked how long the Senior Center will be utilized to host public meetings while the City Council Chambers is under construction.

10. Commissioner Comments

Chair Ashendorf asked if there will be an opportunity for seniors to visit Snoopy House at City Hall and how members are notified about expiring memberships; spoke about how the new outdoor patio enhances special events, and the richness of cultural diversity at the Senior Center.

Vice Chair Steck spoke about the high quality of the Halloween Bash event and asked about the Senior Center member survey.

Commissioner Parkin spoke about the cancellation of previous Senior Commission meetings, the Halloween Bash, and the Veteran's Day event at the Orange County Fairgrounds and Event Center.

Commissioner Neft spoke about the cancellation of previous Senior Commission meetings, and encouraged discernment regarding the need of the Commission; and

asked if there was specific programming that could be brought to the Senior Center to combat discontent as a large-scale issue, and how the Senior Center improves the social capital of the City.

Commissioner Love asked if the Senior Center hosts an annual “open house” for the community.

Commissioner Ramos spoke about the Grandparent’s Day event at the Senior Center, the smooth transition with specific staffing changes, and the upcoming historical plaque installation and dedication at the Diego Sepulveda Adobe at Estancia Park.

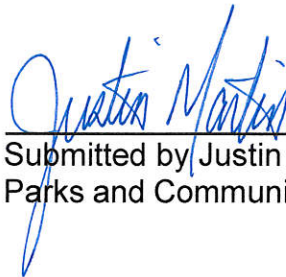
11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ashendorf at 9:40 a.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting Of The Senior Commission
is on Tuesday, January 8, 2019**



Prepared by Allison Burch
Executive Secretary



Submitted by Justin Martin
Parks and Community Services Director