

**IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**JANUARY 23, 2023
MONDAY
9:00 A.M.**

The Irwindale **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Carol Acosta, Christina Fraijo,
Patricia Gonzales, Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Maggie Guzman

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director;
Eloise Beltran, Senior Center Manager; Jeff Wagner, IT Manager; and
Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

**COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION**

MANAGEMENT
ANALYST HEGDAHL

Management Analyst Hegdahl presented the staff report and
opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

COMMISSIONER
RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Guzman.

COMMISSIONER
GUZMAN

Commissioner Guzman nominated Commissioner Acosta.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Commissioner Acosta nominated Commissioner Guzman.

ROLL CALL

There being no further nominations, Analyst Hegdahl closed the floor
to nominations and, on a call for the vote, Commissioner Guzman
was unanimously appointed to the position of Chair.

CHAIR GUZMAN

Chair Guzman then opened the floor to nominations for the position
of Vice Chair.

CHAIR GUZMAN

Chair Guzman nominated Commissioner Rodriguez.

ROLL CALL

There being no further nominations, Chair Guzman closed the floor
to nominations and, on a call for the vote, Commissioner Rodriguez
was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Guzman, seconded by Vice Chair
Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was
unanimously approved.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The minutes of the special meeting held December 19, 2022, were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1A
FIELD TRIP
CANCELLATION POLICY

FIELD TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

MANAGER BELTRAN

Manager Beltran presented the verbal report wherein she advised that she has researched whether other cities have similar policies, which may not apply well to Irwindale's unique circumstances. She advised that all other cities appear to charge cancellation fees since they rent buses to transport their seniors; however, Irwindale owns its own bus. She recommended that seniors be requested to place a deposit when signing up for trips, which would be reimbursable upon their return from the trips. However, she indicated that this suggestion may not be approved by the City Council.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales noted that the city pays for all trips, and that seniors that cancel their registrations for the trips end up costing the city money. She suggested that seniors that routinely cancel their reservations be made to wait to register for future trips until after other resident seniors register to attend.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Responding to a question by Commissioner Acosta, Manager Beltran indicated that the policy that would ultimately be approved would apply only to the Senior Center.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission will also consider an attendance policy for several of their programs. She noted that the policies would need to be approved by the Council before being implemented. She added that, although some seniors may take advantage since the city does not currently charge cancellation fees, others fully intend to attend the trips but become ill and must cancel on the day of the trip.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales noted that some seniors cannot attend trips due to illnesses, though she stated that several seniors cancelled their attendance at a recent trip due to rain. She suggested that seniors notify staff by Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. if they plan on canceling their trip attendance, and that if they cancel after this day and time, that they be placed on non-resident standby lists if they wish to attend future trips.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez advised that staff would work on a draft policy for Commission consideration at a future meeting.

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) The New year's Eve Dance was held last week and was a wonderful success. She thanked staff for their wonderful work in preparing for the event.
- 2) Sign-ups are now being accepted for the upcoming Valentine's Day Dance.
- 3) The winter season classes began last week. Mt. Sac classes have also begun.
- 4) A Birthday Brunch has been scheduled for Friday, to be followed by a Movie Matinee.
- 5) A Valentines Candygram fundraiser event has begun today.
- 6) Tea and Cookies events are held every Wednesday.
- 7) Muffin Monday will be held on February 6.
- 8) A field trip to Morongo Casino has been scheduled for February 11.
- 9) A field trip to see the "Grease" play has been scheduled for Saturday, followed by lunch at North Woods Inn.
- 10) The Senior Center's van will be repainted and will remain unavailable for about three weeks. The handicap van and another city vehicle would be available during this time.

**PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) She noted that Michelle Duran will be recognized at the upcoming Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Installation Awards for her service on the Irwindale Community Foundation.
- 2) She also discussed the upcoming community meetings to discuss the "Founding Mothers" and "Veterans Monument Military Flags" projects.
- 3) The implementation of the three-barrel waste disposal system has been postponed for a future date in order to educate the members of the public regarding taxes, fees, and other assessments. Staff will inform the commission of the dates of these events once they have been scheduled.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS**

CHAIR GUZMAN

Chair Guzman stated that some seniors have complained that some seniors take water in cups inside the exercise room, which could be spilled and may cause people to slip and fall. She suggested that staff request that seniors take water in sealable containers such as water bottles instead.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales suggested that staff inquire whether masks are still required by the places that they will be visiting during field trips in the near future, to which Manager Beltran indicated that staff could announce before each class that water bottles or cups with lids are ok, and request that the seniors be careful with open cups.

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CHAIR GUZMAN

Responding to a question by Chair Guzman, Manager Beltran indicated that all programs and events have resumed as they were before the pandemic, with the exception of potlucks, which remain discontinued.

VICE CHAIR
RODRIGUEZ

Vice Chair Rodriguez requested that hot water be made available for tea during the week and not just on Wednesdays. She also requested more decorations in the dining room, to which Manager Beltran concurred and advised that she would work with staff on making sure the concern is addressed.

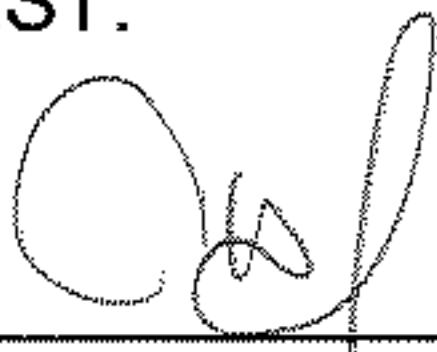
CHAIR GUZMAN

Chair Guzman requested a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting in Monterey Park on January 21st.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl
Management Analyst

Approved as presented at the meeting held February 27, 2023.