

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

**JANUARY 24, 2022
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, Patricia Gonzales,
Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Virginia Diaz; 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 Diaz.

ROLL CALL

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

CHAIR DIAZ

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

**COMMISSIONER
RODRIGUEZ**

Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Guzman.

ROLL CALL

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

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked the Commissioners for their service and
staff for their hard work. She also thanked staff for the field trip to the
Huntington Memorial Library and stated she was looking forward to
trips to the Getty Museum or Exposition Park. She then
congratulated Commissioner Gonzales on her appointment to the
Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Acosta, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved; Commissioner Gonzales abstaining.

ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES

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The minutes of the regular meeting held November 22, 2021, were approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) Registrations for the Valentine's Day Dance began January 10 for residents, and will begin January 24 for non-residents.
- 2) A Valentines' Day Card-Making workshop has been scheduled for February 4.
- 3) The trip to Huntington Library scheduled for this Saturday is sold out.
- 4) Signups for the trip to Pechanga Casino scheduled for February 19 are being accepted.
- 5) Registrations for Mt. Sac spring session classes will take place today. Participants will need to sign the applicable waivers.
- 6) The sewing class has sold out.
- 7) Registrations for the Hawaiian class are currently being accepted.
- 8) Registrations for all other Irwindale classes will begin on February 28.
- 9) Staff attempted to re-implement the Chair Volleyball classes, but was unable to do so due to being short-staffed. But staff will set up the activity tomorrow; signups will not be required.
- 10) Wii activities will be held on Tuesdays.
- 11) The monthly Birthday Brunch is scheduled for this Friday.

PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) She congratulated Chair Diaz and Vice Chair Guzman on their appointments, and welcomed Commissioner Gonzales to the commission.
- 2) She reported that the Senior Center remains open during this COVID-19 surge, with staff continuously disinfecting the Senior Center throughout the day. Staff also reminds all patrons to continue wearing their masks, wash their hands frequently, and avoid lingering unnecessarily at the Senior Center.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS**

CHAIR DIAZ Chair Diaz congratulated Commissioner Gonzales on her appointment to the commission, and thanked former Commissioner Natalie Orosco for her service on the commission.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES Commissioner Gonzales requested for community seniors to let her know what items they would like to have implemented at the Senior Center, or to note their concerns so she can look into them.

CHAIR DIAZ Chair Diaz asked about the availability of space in the dining area for exercise classes, to which Manager Beltran replied by indicating that staff is trying to maintain adequate space between the participating seniors. She noted that staff currently accepts 26 signups for the classes, but the number could be reduced to 20 if it gets too crowded. She additionally advised that more activities are not scheduled in the dining room since it would present logistical challenges when setting up for the various events.

VICE CHAIR GUZMAN Vice Chair Guzman thanked Manager Beltran and Senior Center staff for all their hard work.

CHAIR DIAZ Chair Diaz asked about using the Community Center for Senior Center activities, to which Manager Beltran advised that the Community Center is frequently rented out to others, which would make it difficult to schedule routine activities.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez advised that the Community Center is also used by the Community Development and Engineering Departments for meetings, which would further complicate its availability for Senior Center activities. However, staff will look into the concerns and determine which options are available.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA Commissioner Acosta welcomed Commissioner Gonzales to the commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl
Management Analyst

Approved as presented at the meeting held February 28, 2022.