

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

**APRIL 25, 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 Maggie Guzman; Chair Virginia Diaz

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Jeff
Wagner, IT Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked the Senior Center for organizing the trip to
the Frida Kahlo exhibit and made recommendations for future trips
and classes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

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

**ITEM NO. 1A
MINUTES**

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The minutes of the regular meeting held March 28, 2022, were
approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) A "Doctor Talk Seminar" titled "Brain Health as We Age", was held
on April 19.
- 2) The following events and activities have been scheduled:
 - A) Loteria – May 5
 - B) Monday Muffin – May 9
 - C) Rock Painting – May 10
 - D) Crafts – May 11
 - E) Bunco – May 19
 - F) Pirates Dinner Adventure – May 21
 - G) Book Club – May 25
 - H) Bingo – May 25
 - I) Birthday Brunch – May 27
- 3) Registrations for Mt. Sac summer session classes begins May 2.
- 4) Registration for Irwindale summer classes begin May 16 for
residents and May 31 for non-residents.

- 5) Staff has met with the City Manager to discuss budget requests, and staff also made a presentation for funding to the Irwindale Community Foundation. Staff will also make a presentation to the City Council for funding requests.

COMMISSIONER
RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Rodriguez suggested holding additional doctor sessions.

VICE CHAIR GUZMAN

Vice Chair Guzman suggested that individuals that are unable to attend events and excursions that they had signed up for call the Senior Center to advise of same so that others may attend in their place. She also suggested that non-resident prices for activities and lunches be raised.

COMMISSIONER
RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Rodriguez noted that raising prices would make it very difficult for non-resident seniors to continue attending classes.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez suggested that the matter be placed on a future agenda for full discussion.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales spoke on the funding the city lost on paying for unused tickets to events when residents cancel their attendance. She also suggested that staff be prepared to accept registrations at 8:00 a.m., when the Senior Center opens, rather than at 8:30 a.m. as it currently does. She also requested a list of all Senior Center events for the year.

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez spoke on current processes and noted that staff's work day begins at 8:00 a.m., and requiring employees to begin earlier would require a meet-and-confer process with the respective employee bargaining unit.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez suggested comparing Senior Center fees with those of neighboring Senior Centers and discussing at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez stated that Senior Center fees, Senior Center hours, and Senior Center events would be discussed at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER
RODRIGUEZ

Responding to a question by Commissioner Rodriguez, Director Rodriguez advised that Mt. Sac will cut program participants from classes after three unexcused absences.

PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) A City Council budget workshop has been scheduled for May 9.
- 2) The deadline to apply for the Summer Youth program is April 28. Participants will assist in various city departments. The program runs from June 13 through July 28.

- 3) The spring Bulky-Item Pickup event is scheduled for May 6.
- 4) The second Annual Recycling Event is scheduled for May 14.
- 5) The Aquatics Center will hold its first Expo on May 14.
- 6) She also discussed the schedule for the ongoing street resurfacing project.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS**

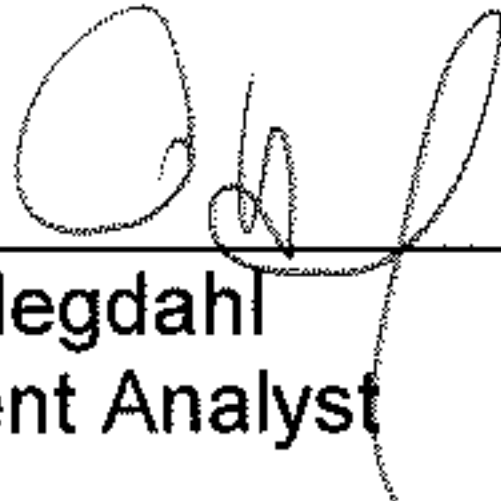
CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz suggested additional mental-health activities, such as piano lessons, to which Director Rodriguez advised that staff could look for volunteer teachers, or may ask the Irwindale Community Foundation for financial assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl
Management Analyst

Approved as presented at the meeting held May 23, 2022.