

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

**SEPTEMBER 26, 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;
Eloise Beltran, Senior Center Manager; Jeff Wagner, IT Manager; and
Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Commissioner Guzman requested a moment of silence in recognition of
Terry Chico and Eddie Diaz, both of who are currently hospitalized.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no speakers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by
Commissioner Acosta, 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 August 22, 2022, were
approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

**ITEM NO. 2A
MEMORIAL WALL
UPDATE**

MEMORIAL WALL UPDATE – VERBAL REPORT

MANAGER BELTRAN

Manager Beltran presented the report, where she indicated that Chair
Diaz requested at the last meeting that a memorial wall with names and
photos be displayed at the Senior Center to recognize the seniors'
deceased loved ones. Chair Diaz indicated that the City of South El
Monte has a memorial wall; as such, staff reached out to staff at South
El Monte, who indicated that they had a memorial wall to briefly
recognize those who passed away during COVID. However, after a
short period of time, the display was removed. Manager Beltran
suggested that the passing of loved ones could be announced at the
Senior Center, should their families request it, and that their photos and
names could be displayed until the individual's funeral services are
held, at which point the display would be removed. She noted that the
Senior Center already offers a memorial plaque where interested
individuals can fill out an application and pay a small fee, and their

names would be engraved on the plaque, which is located in the Senior Center lobby.

CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz asked whether pictures could be included on the plaque, to which Manager Beltran indicated that they probably would not be able to accommodate the request.

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) The following events and activities have been scheduled:
 - A) A parking lot sale was held last weekend, and was enjoyed by many. She noted that a few things would be adjusted for an even better experience at the next event.
 - B) A Birthday Breakfast Brunch will be held this Friday.
 - C) The annual Community Health Fair will be held on October 5. The event will feature various vendors, Q&A sessions, and a mini health workshop.
 - D) Registrations for Mt. Sac classes will be held on October 5.
 - E) A Halloween Dance has been scheduled for the morning of October 31.
 - F) A Pumpkin Decorating event will be held on October 28.
 - G) Residents can begin signing up for the Thanksgiving Dinner Dance on October 3.
 - H) The Hollywood Tour trip scheduled for October 15 is sold out, though interested individuals can ask to be placed on the standby list.

**PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

No updates to provide.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS**

CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz asked about the feedback staff has received with regard to the new Senior Center operating hours, to which Manager Beltran advised that the new schedule, which has been in place for a month, has been well received by patrons as well as staff. Manager Beltran added that a staff member is always present whenever the Senior Center is open to the public.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Responding to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Manager Beltran advised that turnout for afternoon Zumba sessions has been high, and added that staff will soon offer more afternoon classes, such as another line-dancing class.

COMMISSIONER
GUZMAN

Commissioner Guzman thanked Manager Beltran and the Senior Center staff for their wonderful and well-organized activities. She also thanked Public Works staff for cleaning the areas after each exercise session. She then thanked Manager Beltran for pozole and Jade Lopez

for checking in on the seniors that participated in the recent parking lot yard sale at the Senior Center. She then complained that seniors are still entering the Senior Center from an area where they should not, and suggested that a flyer be posted to avoid seniors entering from there.

Commissioner Guzman also complained that some seniors register for events and activities but fail to inform staff that they would ultimately be unable to attend, which prevents other interested seniors on the standby list from attending.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales suggested that this matter be placed on an agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz asked about holding potlucks and bingo fundraisers, to which Manager Beltran indicated that potlucks are not being held yet, and that bingo fundraisers may be held sometime next year.

COMMISSIONER
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales spoke on her positive experience at the Parking Lot sale and spoke highly of Jade Lopez who was kind enough to check on the seniors to make sure they stayed hydrated during the heatwave. Commissioner Gonzales suggested that a sign be placed at City Hall to inform the public of such events.

CHAIR DIAZ

Chair Diaz asked about holding trips to Santa Barbara, to which Manager Beltran advised that Joanna Palacios, the Bus Driver, is working on scheduling various trips. She noted that the difficulty with the Santa Barbara trips is that they are very expensive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl
Management Analyst

Approved as presented at the meeting held October 24, 2022.