

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

**OCTOBER 25, 2021
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, Natalie Orosco,
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

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked the Commissioners for their service and
commended Senior Center staff for their wonderful programs and
suggested that prizes also be given to participants of contests, not just
to contest winners.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Guzman, 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 September 27, 2021, were
approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

**ITEM NO. 2A
UPDATE ON THE
IRWINDALE
COMMUNITY
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REQUEST FOR
DONATIONS**

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REQUEST FOR DONATIONS**

MANAGER BELTRAN

Manager Beltran presented the staff report.

COMMISSIONER DIAZ

Responding to a question by Commissioner Diaz, Director Rodriguez
provided background information on the Irwindale Community
Foundation. She noted that the Foundation recently received a sizable
donation from a local company, and that said donations helped fund
various city functions, programs, and equipment purchases.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez thanked Manager Beltran for the items the Senior Center requested to purchase utilizing funds received from the Foundation. She also requested that a computer lab be placed toward the back of the Senior Center and that the Book Club activities be held monthly.

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) The Computer Lab was opened on Thursday and has a total of three computers available.
- 2) Birthday Brunch will be held on Friday.
- 3) The Halloween Dance will also be held this Friday, and will feature a costume contest.
- 4) Residents may begin registering today for the Thanksgiving Dinner Dance.
- 5) The Pumpkin Decorating activities were held last Friday. Only four participated, and six were no-shows.
- 6) The Bingo activities scheduled for this Wednesday has sold out.
- 7) The field trip to old town San Diego scheduled for November 6 will likely sell out today.
- 8) Residents can begin signing up on November 1 for the trip to Riverside Mission Inn.
- 9) Residents can begin signing up today for the exercise classes beginning November.
- 10) Both residents and non-residents will be able to register for Mt. Sac classes, such as tai chi and yoga, beginning November 1, per Mt. Sac policy to allow all individuals the same opportunity to register.
- 11) Zumba classes begin on November 1 and are reserved for Irwindale residents only.

**PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) At its meeting of October 13, the Irwindale City Council voted in favor of holding "hybrid" meetings where a limited number of interested individuals may attend in-person while others may attend online. She briefly explained the processes staff will be implementing to thoroughly sanitize public areas and advised that staff will provide additional updates on these processes as they become available.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez expressed her gratitude that the City will allow for hybrid meetings and requested that Director Rodriguez comment on Mt. Sac's policies and procedures as relate to the classes they hold at the Senior Center.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS
AND REQUESTS**

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Replying to a question by Commissioner Acosta, Manager Beltran advised that the Mt. Sac classes are free.

COMMISSIONER
DIAZ

Commissioner Diaz reminded staff of her previous request that handlebars be installed at every restroom stall at the Senior Center, to which Director Rodriguez advised that ADA-accessible restrooms are available for those that require them. However, the remaining stalls are not large enough to accommodate the installation of handlebars. Commissioner Diaz also requested higher toilets.

COMMISSIONER
ACOSTA

Commissioner Acosta asked if staff has received any other requests for the installation of handlebars for every restroom stall, to which Director Rodriguez indicated that they have not.

SUZANNE GOMEZ

Suzanne Gomez complained that Mt. Sac offering classes for both resident and non-resident registrants equally was detrimental to residents. She stated that the City should not acquiesce to Mt. Sac's policy requirements for their classes to be offered to all at the same time, and suggested that the Commission be more assertive in giving residents priority when signing up for programs and activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

ATTEST:



Armando Hegdahl
Management Analyst

Approved as presented at the meeting held November 22, 2021.