

**City of Menifee Senior Advisory Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez, Committee member Chuck Reutter, Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek, Community Services Director Robert Lennox, Senior Administrative Analyst Allen Yun, Management Analyst Margarita Cornejo, and one (1) members of the public.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION

As Posted

4. PRESENTATIONS

Riverside County Office on Aging: TRIP Program Presentation

Karin Long with the Riverside County Office on Aging provided a brief presentation on the TRIP program, a volunteer base program that assists clients with transportation needs.

Committee Chair Sanchez asked for number of person enrolled in TRIP program.

Karin Long with Office on Aging indicated approximately 3,000 people are enrolled in the program. TRIP program provides for development of a good relationship between person receiving service and volunteer.

Committee member Reutter inquired if volunteers can help people enter and exit car.

Karin Long indicated yes, at discretion of volunteer.

Committee Vice-Chair Woytek asked in trips have to be pre-scheduled.

Karin Long with Office on Aging indicated this is coordinated between driver and client, and client can have more than one designated driver.

Community Services Director Lennox asked in drivers have to be screened.

Karin Long with Office on Aging indicated, no as drivers are referred by client based on personal relationship.

Committee Chair Sanchez asked in program is countywide.

Karin Long with Office on Aging indicated program is countywide program, and very cost-conscious program.

Committee member Reutter asked about how information on program is distributed to community.

Karin Long with Office of Aging indicated principally through word-of-mouth, referrals from care givers, and other program participants.

Committee member Reutter asked if County has any information that can be included into Menifee Matters etc.

Karin Long with Office on Aging indicated County can provide information.

Committee Chair Sanchez indicated TRIP program is something which would benefit many Menifee residents and program has been around for a long time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items only)

None.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Proposed 10-Year Transit Plan

- Review Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Proposed 10-Year Transit Plan and provide input/recommendations on proposed plan.

Community Services Director Lennox provided a brief summary of RTA Proposed 10-Year Transit Plan that affect Menifee community.

Committee Chair Sanchez inquired about access from Sun City to Countryside Marketplace.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated there currently is no direct route to Countryside Marketplace/Town Center. However, in discussions with RTA can indicate to keep this in mind for future routes.

Committee Chair Sanchez indicated its also important to make sure area around McCall Boulevard and Heritage Lake are covered and available. Also wanted to know if there are current stops along Highway 74.

Committee member Reutter stated he gets complaints from students going to MSJC that they have to take two different buses, and the transfer coordination is not very good.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek stated City needs a trolley to feed and maintain the arterial stops and really help address needs.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated perhaps City could explore trolleys, but would also need to evaluate costs.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek stated it may make sense to add these services if main route exists.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated it is also important to increase ridership.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek indicated it may be useful to research Temecula trolley program.

Committee Chair Sanchez agreed this may be useful information.

Committee Chair Sanchez indicated she would like to see all shelters have shelter coverings.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek stated he feels comprehensively the RTA plan is good for regional public transportation.

6.2. Transportation/Accessibility Workshop

- Golf Cart Accessibility
- Public Transportation in Riverside County

Community Services Director Lennox provided a brief staff report on golf cart access and public transportation.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated will see with time and opportunity to allow golf cart access to some additional streets.

Community Services Director Lennox stated a speed survey is being completed and arterials will still probably be too fast to allow for golf cart access. However, golf cart access may be combined with trails development as part of longer term planning.

Committee member Reutter stated that if Sun City Shopping Center was improved, request of many of the senior residents seeking golf cart accessibility would lessen.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated importance of reviewing all options.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek stated he has heard several complaints about Dial-A-Ride.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated a resource page for seniors would be very useful to help seniors with getting information.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated RequestTracker tool on City webpage could be used for feedback.

Committee member Reutter asked about using telephone for outreach for seniors who do not use internet.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated forms could be made available at senior center.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek indicated community message boards may also be useful.

Community Services Director Lennox stated City could also do a feature on just transportation options within Menifee Matters.

Committee Member Reutter stated that perhaps City could also include 1-2 pages within Menifee Matters for non-profits.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated staff can return to Committee with trails map.

7. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Community Services Director Lennox updated Committee regarding the HVAC replacement to be completed at the senior center on 9/17/2014.

Management Analyst Margarita Cornejo provided an updated on Environmental Review process for CDBG improvements to senior center.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Chair Sanchez requested further research on caregiver ordinance and indicated this is a big issue within community.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated staff will further research.

Committee member Reutter stated seniors are using the “caregiver” designation to bring in young relatives to move in.

Tom, Sun City resident, stated there is a lot of senior abuse occurring because of this situation.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated that an ordinance will at least provide seniors with something to help them when facing things such as elder abuse.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated caregiver ordinance can be added as part of next meeting agenda.

Committee member Reutter requested to have Executive Director of Community Asset Center do a presentation on Senior Low Vision kit at next meeting.

Committee Vice Chair Woytek stated he has seen a lot of apathy from community to participating.

Community Services Director Lennox stated staff can do some outreach to HOAs over next month period.

Committee Chair Sanchez stated it may be beneficial to have RTA do a short presentation at future meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Items Scheduled for Future Agendas:

- Speakers' Forum for Seniors

10. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.



Margarita Cornejo, Management Analyst