

**City of Menifee Senior Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present were: Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez, Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek, Committee member Ruth Goulet, Committee member Victoria Arendain, Community Services Director Robert Lennox, Senior Administrative Analyst Allen Yun, and Management Analyst Margarita Cornejo.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION**

As Posted

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Senior Low Vision Tool Kit (Community Access Center)**

Community Access Center presenter was unavailable; presentation to be re-scheduled for future Senior Advisory Committee meeting.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items only)**

Jackie Haas – resident, expressed her concerns with existing squatter situation and feels government isn't being supporting to senior community which is vulnerable.

Phil Hogan – resident, of community of 315 homes also expressed his concern over housing situation faced by many seniors.

**6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**6.1. Minutes of August 26, 2014**

Motion for approval of August 26, 2014 minutes was made by Committee Member Ruth Goulet.

Motion was seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek.

Motion was unanimously approved.

**6.2. Minutes of September 16, 2014**

Motion for approval of September 16, 2014 minutes was made by Committee Member Ruth Goulet.

Motion was seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek.

Motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1. Senior Communications: City Senior Webpage**

Community Services Director Robert Lennox provided a summary and general outline of the existing city webpage, and description of planned city webpage re-design including planned sections/areas regarding senior issues.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated she would encourage residents to email staff with any suggestions for additional areas/issues to incorporate into webpage. Also, stated it would be beneficial to include listing and information on local agencies, care program, adult protection services, legal services, home support services and other similar resources available to senior residents.

Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek indicated it may be beneficial to include hyperlinks to activities/programs.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated still would like to address bus shelter needs.

### **7.2. Sun City Care Giver Ordinance Discussion**

Community Services Director Lennox provided a brief staff report on existing caregiver ordinances adopted by local government agencies as well as a brief synopsis on the history of caregiver ordinances.

Committee member Victoria Arendain asked if there are any specific requirements to be qualified as a caregiver.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated this varies depending on specific community, but can incorporate things like age restrictions.

Committee member Ruth Goulet indicated that based on her communication with the public, she has received a 50% in favor and 50% against having City involved in caregiver regulation.

Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek stated he feels there should be some form of definition distinguishing qualified caregivers.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated she feels caregiver issue is an important issue for all seniors, and provides security for caregiver services. Some form of caregiver guidelines should be established to provide security and protection to those who need caregiver services.

Lynne Rowe - resident, inquired if the two ordinances provided are the only two agencies that have such ordinances, if Riverside County had such an ordinance, and if a proposed ordinance for the City has been developed. She also feels the government, including state government, should be more involved with addressing issue.

Community Services Director Lennox confirmed that based on immediate research, yes those were the only two agencies in California with caregiver ordinances, and Riverside County does not presently have a caregiver ordinance.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated a draft ordinance has not been developed as this will first require community input.

Annette Pellegrino - resident, had a question regarding having doctor's permit(s). Also stated that she feels there should be some form of licensing to be qualified as a caregiver.

Andrea Owens – resident and part of Board of Directors with Patio Homes, indicated it may be beneficial to collaborate with healthcare professionals who have experience working with caregivers.

Norman Vigna – resident, expressed he feels true concern is really an enforcement issue, which will require definition of caregiver role, and require someone to address when violations are being made. Perhaps the City could provide citations for violations.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated residents really need to look at HOAs and Board of Directors as first approach to address these issues.

Norman Vigna – resident, stated he feels HOAs don't really enforce, and often Board of Directors don't want to create any problems.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated resident could report issues to property management company.

Maggie Gamillo - with HomeInstead, discussed her experience in the past with company that does not follow due diligence of caregiver assignment. Also often see many situations where people will move in with kids and other family members ultimately resulting in fiscal abuse and elder abuse. HomeInstead has had some success in reducing this by partnering with gated communities.

Phil Hogan – resident and part of Board of Directors of ACC, estimated 300 homes, stated he is concerned about caregivers bringing in family and significant others. However, some of the younger people providing caregivers services are actually also working and truly helping seniors.

Committee member Victoria Arendain asked if seniors have had these type of discussions with their corresponding HOAs.

Committee member Ruth Goulet wondered how many HOAs actively enforce code compliance, have clearly defined set of by-laws defining age restrictions, and if the by-laws have penalties for violations.

Jackie Haas – resident, indicated that typically there is only response to address complaints until direct complaints to the local agencies are made.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez stated it may be beneficial to have HOAs come together and discuss what type of rules, and by-laws are in place.

Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek indicated it may be beneficial to have organize discussion in a workshop setting.

Community Services Director Lennox stated Committee may consider recommendation to do a full and complete workshop on the subject.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated Committee will be looking into when a workshop can be set up.

Annette Pellegrino - resident, indicated that code enforcement in senior areas is difficult because there are many single seniors who are alone.

Norman Vigna – resident, indicated he felt workshop idea is almost unreasonable, and a series of workshops would be a better idea, thereby conducting to a slower process where the community can work together.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated she agreed a series of workshop meetings would be best approach.

Andrea Owens – resident and part of Board of Directors with Patio Homes, indicated she still feels the main issue is about enforcement.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez stated the planned workshop(s) will be announced, but it is important HOAs are involved in communicating. The City cannot get involved in HOA and property management practices or selection. Residents may also want to reach out to HOAs to advise about the workshop dates.

Committee member Victoria Arendain stated she was surprised the City cannot be involved with HOAs.

Community Services Director Lennox indicated that the City can only be involved with respect to property conditions, not actual operation of HOAs.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated she feels an information exchanges between the HOAs may help improve the existing situation. However, City does not have jurisdiction over HOAs.

Maggie Gamillo - with HomeInstead, stated she feels it's important to have a clear message, similar to neighborhood watch, alerting caregivers that community is watching.

## **8. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

### **8.1. Capital Improvement Update**

Senior Administrative Analyst Allen Yun provided a summary of recent capital improvements completed.

### **8.2. Kay Cenicerros technology Upgrades**

Community Services Director Lennox indicated wi-fi will be installed within Kay Cenicerros Senior Center by October 2014. Also, City is working with center staff on setting up a computer lab around November.

### **8.3. Events and Activities**

Senior Administrative Analyst Allen Yun provided information on upcoming events including: City Birthday Bash to take place October 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Dinner at Kay Cenicerros Senior Center on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Breakfast with Santa on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez mentioned the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard with be collecting food in front of stores on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee member Ruth Goulet indicated she would like information on senior communities and estimated senior population. Also requested estimate on planned workshop(s).

Community Services Director indicated, first workshop would be planned for October and second workshop would be planned for November.

Committee member Ruth Goulet made a motion for the first caregiver workshop on October 14, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Committee Vice-Chair Ken Woytek seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Committee member Ken Woytek reminded everyone a candidates' forum was scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at Paloma Valley High School at 6:00 pm. Also wanted to state that Committee has had some discussion regarding alternate transportation services, such as exploring trolley services, and community input would be great.

Committee member Ruth Goulet stated she would like to have the Committee address economic development specifically with relation to commercial development along McCall Boulevard.

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez indicated the Committee should try to maintain its focus on senior needs.

#### **10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

##### **Items Scheduled for Future Agendas:**

- RTA presentation
- Speakers' Forum for Seniors
- Senior Low Vision Kit

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Gloria Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.



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Margarita Cornejo, Management Analyst