

The Irwindale **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners Carol Acosta, Christina Fraijo; Patricia Gonzales; Robert Lopez;  
Vice Chair Iris Rodriguez

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director; Eloise Beltran, Senior Center Manager; Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst; Sylvia Tapia, Office Specialist

**COMMISSION  
REORGANIZATION**

MANAGEMENT ANALYST Management Analyst Hegdahl explained that it would be appropriate to conduct the reorganization of the Senior Citizen Commission and opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

COMMISSIONER ACOSTA Commissioner Acosta nominated Vice Chair Rodriguez.

ROLL CALL There being no further nominations, Management Analyst Hegdahl closed the floor to nominations and, on a call for the vote, Vice Chair Rodriguez was unanimously appointed to the position of Chair.

CHAIR RODRIGUEZ Chair Rodriguez resumed the meeting and opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Acosta

COMMISSIONER FRAIJO Commissioner Fraijo nominated Commissioner Gonzales

ROLL CALL There being no further nominations, Chair Rodriguez closed the floor to nominations and conducted the roll call for the nominations, beginning with the first nomination received. The nomination of Commissioner Acosta for Vice Chair was successful with Commissioner Acosta, Fraijo, Lopez, and Chair Rodriguez in favor, Commissioner Gonzales opposed

COMMISSIONER GONZALES Commissioner Gonzales thanked Commissioner Fraijo for nominating her.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Commissioner Lopez, 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 December 18, 2023, were approved.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

SPONTANEOUS  
COMMUNICATIONS

There were no speakers.

SENIOR CENTER  
MANAGER UPDATE

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) Special events and activities:
  - A) The New Year's dance was a success, it was a sold-out event.
  - B) Registration is still open for the vision board activity on Wednesday, January 24th.
  - C) The Valentine's Dance will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sign-ups are being accepted.
  - D) The Paint N Sip will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Currently accepting registrations for both Residents and Non-residents. There is a \$10 fee for non-residents.
  - E) The Birthday Brunch for this coming Friday is full. Taking registration for the month of February. Non-residents can sign up starting January 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - F) Two seminars are scheduled: one today at 10:00 a.m. about free specialized phone and equipment, and another on February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. on funeral planning, with lunch provided by Dignity Memorial. Residents can register today, and non-residents can register on January 29<sup>th</sup>It is limited to the first 50 people that register.
- 2) Field Trips:
  - A) Fantasy Springs Casino is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. It is full.
  - B) Dinner Detective is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Non-resident standbys can register as of today, and regular non-residents can register on January 29<sup>th</sup>. For residents is free and for non-residents. There is a \$50 fee for non-residents. A staff member will be present on the trip to assist with any needs.

PUBLIC SERVICES  
DIRECTOR UPDATE

Public Service Director Rodriguez welcomed Commissioner Lopez to the Senior Citizen Commission. She also congratulated Chair Rodriguez and Vice Chair Acosta on their appointments.

Public Service Director Rodriguez noted that a scavenging notice was sent out to all residents. The City of Irwindale and Athens Services are aware of the community's scavenging issue, which includes scavengers moving trash from the black bin to the blue or green bin. In some cases,

Athens Services has issued a Notice of Violation because the blue or green bins are now considered contaminated. She recommends trying to take out the trash before 6 a.m. on Friday rather than the night before. If someone receives a Notice of Violation or your green or blue bins are not picked up due to scavenging, please contact Public Services.

The police department is also increasing patrols throughout the city on Thursday nights and Friday mornings. Please report any scavengers to the Irwindale Police Department.

A notice of violation is not a fine from Athens or the city. That's not going to happen till the end of the year, closer to fall. The residents have an additional 6 to 8 months to practice recycling requirements. It is a requirement from the city to implement this and enforce it starting January 1, 2024, but not starting until further out.

There will be another notice going out soon to all residents regarding coyotes. A yard audit checklist will be available on the Irwindale website to assist in reducing the number of coyotes visiting homes within the next week. Report any incidents to Public Services.

The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the following positions:

**Part-time:** Aquatics Aide/Pool Cashier, Lifeguard, Recreation Aide, Police Officer Trainee,

**Full-Time:** Police Officer, and Police Dispatcher/Clerk.

COMMISSIONER  
FRAIJO

In response to a question by Commissioner Fraijo, Director Rodriguez stated that the park is expected to be completed in May, as opposed to March, as originally planned.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales noticed scavengers going through her trash bins, specifically the blue bins.

DIRECTOR  
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez stated that the closure of the park has led to an increase in scavengers on Juarez Street, Calle del Norte, and Ayon Avenue, which may explain why they are passing through the residential area.

### COMMISSIONER ITEMS AND REQUESTS

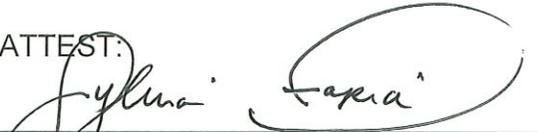
COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales inquired about the calendar board. She highlighted the importance of updating everyone on current activities. She will be happy to assist in updating the calendar board.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sylvia Tapia", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized.

Sylvia Tapia  
Office Specialist