

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

**February 26, 2024  
MONDAY  
9:00 A.M.**

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

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

Vice Chair Carol Acosta - Absent

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzales, seconded by Chair Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ITEM NO. 1A** MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 22, 2024, were approved.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS** There were no speakers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ITEM NO. 8A** Presenting a field trip policy for the Dan Diaz Recreation Center, Irwindale Aquatics Center and Senior Center. The focus will be on the Senior Center Language and procedures as this policy will also be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review and comments on March 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**FIELD TRIP POLICY**

**DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ** Director Rodriguez suggests that the Senior Citizen Commission reviews and provides input on the field trip policy, which establishes guidelines that govern registrations, attendance, cancellations, and consequences for not cancelling attendance before the deadline. Focusing on the Senior Center language only.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

Responding to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez stated if there are any open seats, senior staff management reserves the right to contact those who did not sign up for the field trip. Seniors who are aware of any seat openings are encouraged to contact the Senior Center. The paperwork must be completed by 2:30 p.m. She strongly encourages seniors to arrive at the Senior Center by 2:00 p.m.

A standby list will be generated if a participant(s) who wanted to sign up for the field trip is unable to secure a spot or a resident attendee places an individual(s) on the standby list. Seniors who are interested in going should call the Senior Center and put themselves on the standby list.

DIRECTOR  
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez will present the proposal to Parks & Recreation and update the Senior Commission on any changes. Once finalized, it will be proposed to the City Council for approval.

**SENIOR CENTER  
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Beltran provided the following update:

- 1) Special events and activities:
  - A) The Valentine's Dance on February 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended and enjoyable for all.
  - B) The Paint N Sip event went extremely well. Hopefully, we can bring this event back.
  - C) On Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Senior Center celebrated Maggie Guzman for her services. It was a great success.
  - D) Registrations are being accepted for non-residents for the St. Patrick's Day Dance.
  - E) We are currently accepting non-resident registrations for the Birthday Brunch.
  - F) Spring Boutique is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Selling pozole as a senior fundraiser.
  - G) On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Talk will present a seminar on stroke prevention from 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration is not required.
  - H) Taking registrations for Spring classes on March 4<sup>th</sup>, line dancing, yoga, chair Zumba, and sewing classes.
- 2) Field Trips:
  - A) Knott's Berry Farm Boysenberry Festival is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Non-resident standbys can register today. There are a few open spots.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales stated that the funeral seminar food was good. The seminar was informative and well-attended.

**PUBLIC SERVICES  
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Public Service Director Rodriguez announced a blood drive in collaboration with the American Red Cross. The bloodmobile is stationed in front of City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Irwindale Sister City invites everyone to a fundraising dance for Sister City Salvatierra, GTO Mexico at the West Covina Elks Lodge. A fundraising event is being held for the 25 victims of the December 17, 2023, massacre. It is a \$20 donation per person. If you're interested, please contact Grace Cox or Marguerite Lopez-Sapien. RSVP by Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Development Workshop scheduled for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber. It's a housing update on the 10-acre site on Allen Drive.

The Human Resources Department is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Worker. The program will start on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, and continue through Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Applications will be accepted online starting Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

COMMISSIONER  
FRAIJO

Replying to a question by Commissioner Fraijo, Director Rodriguez stated that applicants must be at least 15 years old. College students can also participate, but for more information contact the Human Resources Department.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

In response to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez stated that changes are being made to the bus stop across from City Hall to ensure cleanliness.

DIRECTOR  
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez stated that cameras will be installed at the skate park and Irwindale Park but not till the park's improvement is completed.

COMMISSIONER  
GONZALES

In response to a question by Commissioner Gonzales, Director Rodriguez has noticed a slight change in Athens' trash pick-up schedule. She does encourage residents to take their trash out before 6 a.m. in case there is a new driver.

### COMMISSIONER ITEMS AND REQUESTS

COMMISSIONER  
FRAIJO

Commissioner Fraijo mentioned that a few residents from Las Casitas has requested an elevator on the opposite side in case the current one breaks down.

DIRECTOR  
RODRIGUEZ

Director Rodriguez mentioned that she would forward the information to the Housing Authority. She also suggests the members of Las Casitas attend the City Council and Housing Authority meetings and make that request as well.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Sylvia Tapia  
Office Specialist