

**City of San José**  
**Senior Citizens Commission**  
**Quarterly Meeting**

District 1 - Margaret Young  
District 3 – Mary Tucker  
District 5 - Rita Mora  
District 7 - Joyce Rabourn, Chair  
District 9 - Martha O’Connell  
Citywide - Richard McCoy

Marie Hayter - District 2  
Chaitanya Vaidya - District 4  
Patrick Hall - District 6  
Nancy Williamson, Vice Chair - District 8  
Vince Tarpey - District 10

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**March 13, 2014**

**San José City Hall**  
**T-1654**

**1) Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

**Rabourn**

Start at 1:30 p.m., Pledge of Alligence.

**2) Adoption of Orders of the Day**

Once adopted, a variation in agenda order must be approved. If you wish an item taken in a different order, your request should be made at this time. It should be noted that this meeting will be tape recorded.

(a) Approval of March 13, 2014 Full Senior Commission Agenda as written with the following amendments:

**All**

**ACTION: New Business 9j, Nominations Committee appointments moved to Chair Report. New Business 9b, speaker from the Jewish community move to 9j. Speakers will be heard as soon as practical after the arrival instead of “time certain.”**

**M: Mora**

**S: Vaidya**

**TIME CERTAIN:** *(Subject to change under Orders of the Day to amend Agenda when Guest Speakers arrive - to move their item to an appropriate time)*

1:45pm	Old Business Item A. Prioritizing Downtown Sidewalks - <b>John Brazil (DOT)</b>
2:00pm	New Business Item E. Vacant Motels and Homeless Issue - <b>Patrick Heisinger (Housing)</b>
3:00pm	New Business Item C. Library Guidelines/Possessions - <b>Jill Bourne (Library)</b>
3:30pm	New Business Item B. Senior Jewish Community - <b>Yves Eljas</b>

### 3) Introductions

(a) Introductions of Other Guests

John Brazil (CSJ, DOT), Patrick Heisinger(CSJ, Housing) , Cara Samonia (SCC Senior Care Commission), Gary Sneider (Palm Villas-Memory Care), Michael Sneider (Palm Villas-Memory Care), Thuy Nguyen (Outreach), Jolene Bradford (VTA), Wayne Chen (CSJ, Housing)

### 4) Public Comment *(Persons wishing to address the Commission on matters not on the agenda may do so under Open Forum. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes. All statements that require a response may be placed on the agenda for a future meeting and may be referred to staff for review and reply in writing.)*

- Marth O’Connell: There is a paper being distributed around community centers regarding Measure A however there is a concern with the seniors that there is no Measure A attached.
- Rita Mora: There should not be any political distribution going on during the Mayfair nutrition.
- Gary and Michael Sneider: With the rise of Alzheimers and Dementia, they feel that there is a need for a center like Palm Villas in the City of San Jose.

### 5) Approval of Minutes

**Rabourn**

- (a) Recommendation to approve November 14, 2013 Minutes.  
(1) [November 14, 2013 Minutes](#)

**ACTION: Approved.**

**M: Chaitanya Vaidya**

**S: Vince Tarpey**

### 6) Correspondence: (Correspondence Binder)

*Correspondence is updated and available for review in the Correspondence Binder.*

### 7) Reports

a) Council Report

**Constant**

- Flyer from District 1 office.

b) Chair Report

**Rabourn**

- Nominations committee appointed – Commissioners O’Connell, McCoy, Vaidya and Mora.
- Julie is moving to the Finance Department.
- Mary Tucker new senior commissioner announcement. She was previously an energy manager and now involved in disaster relief and extreme heat preparedness.

- c) PRNS Staff Reports on the following items. Discussion and possible action may follow.

**PRNS Staff**

(1) [2014-2015 Budget Timeline](#):

(2) Senior Nutrition RFP Update:

- (a) Evaluation is currently in process.
- (b) Council recommendation in June

(3) Senior Membership Audit:

- (a) March 24 audit results will be released from the Audit Office. There will be a special meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the report with the Auditor.
- (b) The audit is regarding how the cash from senior membership is handled.

(4) Reconvene Senior Center Representative Quarterly Meetings:

- (a) Renaming the group Senior Leadership Advisory Council.
- (b) Meetings will be quarterly starting in April.

## 8) Old Business

- a) Discussion and possible action on update and issue on Prioritizing Downtown Sidewalks for Pedestrian project by John Brazil (DOT).

**Brazil**

**ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council supporting the additional placement of signs on VTA bike racks, bus banners, posters, and city owned bike racks that are produced in alternative languages to include at a minimum, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog.**

**M: Martha O'Connell**

**S: Richard McCoy**

## 9) New Business

- a) Discussion and possible action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council recommending that the City of San Jose's Housing Element Plan include plans for displacement, the preservation of low income, affordable housing and ways to mitigate the impact of gentrification on individuals and small business.

**O'Connell/Hayter**

1.) [2014-22 Housing Element Update](#)

**ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to mayor and city council recommending that the City of San Jose's Housing Element Plan include plans for addressing the issue of displacement and the preservation of low income, affordable housing.**

**M: Tarpey**

**S: Marie Hayter**

**O: Martha O'Connell  
Joyce Rabourn**

- b) Discussion and possible action for the Senior Commission to write letter to Mayor and City Council recommending training for City staff who work with Seniors around the issues of the specific needs and concerns of the Senior Jewish Community. Guest Speaker Yves Eljas  
**O'Connell/Hayter**

**ACTION: Tabled**

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding the impact on the homeless population from the new "Visitor Guidelines for Personal Belongings" that have been implemented in February 2014 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and all San Jose Public Library facilities. Guest Speaker from Library: Jill Bourne.  
**O'Connell**

- 1.) [Notice of New Library Guidelines](#)
- 2.) [Visitor Guidelines for Personal Belongings](#)

**ACTION: No Action / Informational item**

- d) Discussion and possible action for the Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council requesting that the VTA review and launch a poster and brochure campaign which educates the public about priority seating for seniors and the disabled. Said publicity campaign should utilize pictures of seniors and disabled in its materials.  
**Williamson**

**ACTION: Senior Commission to write a letter to Mayor and City Council requesting that VTA review and launch a poster and brochure campaign which educates the public about priority seating for seniors and the disabled. Said publicity campaign should utilize pictures of ethnically diverse and disabled seniors in its materials.**

**M: Nancy Williamson**

**S: Martha O'Connell**

- e) Discussion and possible action on the issue of the City of San Jose using vacant motels as long term housing for the City's homeless. Guest Speaker from Housing: Patrick Heisinger.  
**O'Connell**

- 1.) [Vacant motels to address homeless issue](#)

**ACTION: No Action / Informational item**



## 10) Legislative Report

- a.) California Senior Legislature – Provided at table

## 11) Commission Liaison Reports

As approved at the Senior Commission Executive Meeting, the report-outs from the Liaisons was sent via e-mail to Staff and compiled in document format and distributed at table. This was in the interest of saving time.

- a) Updates on Senior Centers/Programs (reports on issues, trends, action items and not activities):

- Alma Senior Center: **Tarpey**
- Almaden Community Center: **Tarpey**
- Berryessa Community Center: **Vaidya**
- Camden Community Center: **Rabourn**
- Cypress Senior Center: **McCoy**
- Eastside Senior Center: **Mora**
- Evergreen Community Center: **Vacant**
- Gardner Community Center: **Vacant**
- Mayfair Community Center: **Mora**
- Seven Trees Community Center: **Vacant**
- Northside/CCCC: **O'Connell**
- Southside Community Center: **Hayter**
- Roosevelt Community Center: **McCoy**
- John XXIII: **O'Connell/Young**
- Willow Glen Community Center: **Vacant**

- b) Agency/Other Commission Liaison Reports:

- Human Services Commission: **Hayter/Young**
- Aging Services Collaborative: **Hayter**
- Committee for Transit Accessibility: **Vaidya**
- Council on Aging Advisory Council: **Vacant**
- Disaster Preparedness Task Force: **Vacant**
- Family Domestic Violence Task Force (City of San Jose): **Williamson**
- Parks and Recreation Commission: **Tarpey**
- Housing & Community Development Advisory Commission/Mobile Home Advisory Commission/Advisory Council on Rents (HCDAC):  
**Hayter/O'Connell/Rabourn**
- Youth Commission: **McCoy**

**12) Review of Action Items**

**Nguyen**

**13) Announcements**

**All**

**14) Next Meeting**

- ❖ Housing & Human Services Committee:  
March 26, 2014 at City Hall T-955 from 10:30am – 12pm.
  
- ❖ Health & Safety Committee:  
March 27, 2014 at City Hall T-643 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm.

**15) Adjournment**

**Rabourn**

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On occasion the Senior Commission may consider agenda items out of order.

The Senior Commission meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday/Quarterly at 1:30 p.m. and, unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Commission staff. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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