



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) Minutes Wednesday, October 4, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Members Present: Millie Acasio, Sam Duran, John Patrick Ford, Leane Marchese, Sharon McColl, Cheryl Wilson, Floyd Willis **Excused Absences:** Dolli Cutler, Rosemary White-Pope
Staff Present: Diana Gray **Guests:** Matt Awbrey, April Chesebro, Councilmember Toni Atkins, Burton Disner, Tuyen Ly

Announcements: The Mayor's Office working on staffing all 365 boards.

Cheryl Wilson announced that St Paul's Senior Homes & Services will host a Legislative Breakfast again this year featuring former California Legislator Lucy Killea as the speaker. The topic for this event is "The Lack of Public Policy for Senior Issues in the City of San Diego and also in the state of California". Cheryl announced that everyone was invited to attend this event on December 8th at 7:30 a.m.

Modifications to the Agenda: None

PS&NS Committee Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2006: The SAAB presentation to the PS&NS Committee Meeting of August 2nd was well received by all Councilmembers present. SAAB will focus on each of the major senior issues including the Disaster Preparedness – Readiness issue in order to prepare for a meaningful dialogue with Mayor Jerry Sanders at a board meeting sometime within the next 2 to 3 months.

April Chesebro – District 3 Council Representative

Councilmember Toni Atkins attended the October board meeting. She took the time to attend and to present the past Chair John Patrick Ford with a Proclamation. Councilmember Toni Atkins spoke about Pat Ford's impressive resume and all that he brought to the board and City.

Discussion ensued regarding the new form of government. All City employees now report directly to the Mayor of San Diego.

Councilmember Toni Atkins recognized how important all of the issues that the board focuses on. John Patrick Ford served as the Chair of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board for the past two and a half years of advice and direction for the city on senior citizen issues of importance. On May 23, 2004 Pat Ford was appointed by the Mayor to serve on the board of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board. In December of 2004 he assumed the position of chair. He has provided excellent input and service through attending City Council Meetings and done all the things

necessary to bring to the attention of council and the mayor all senior issues of importance with his passionate and Committed Leadership of the board.

Councilmember Toni Atkins thanked John Patrick Ford personally and also thanked all members of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board for all their dedication. October 4 is proclaimed as John Patrick Ford Day in the City of San Diego.

Old Business:

Housing Committee (Cheryl Wilson): The SAAB Board discussed what Partnerships the City could develop to get some of the senior housing issues facing the city addressed.

Transportation Committee (Floyd Willis): Floyd Willis reported on area efforts underway.

AIS Advisory Council Report (Dolli Cutler): No report.

New Business:

Senior Issue(s): SAAB Board decided that it would be a great idea to meet with the Mayor. The next two meetings will be focused on what SAAB wants to bring forward to the Mayor regarding Senior Citizen issues facing the City of San Diego and the role of the board in meeting those issues whether it's through development of partnerships or introduction of policy.

Announcements/Public Comment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2006

SAAB website: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/senior.shtml>

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