



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SENIOR AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

**Wednesday, January 8, 2014
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Paradise Senior Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Deininger	Evie Kosower	Jerome Pollock
Burton Disner	Elissa Landsman, Chair	
Erskine Garrette	Harve Lubin	

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruth Cardenas

MAYOR'S STAFF & Guests:

Denise Sandoval, City of San Diego, City Staff
Queen Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL: Meeting Chaired by Elissa Landsman

APPROVAL OF: January Meeting Minutes and Today's Agenda

INTRODUCTION: Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB) (Community Meetings Only)

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Speakers:

1. **Candy Walsh** – Expressed concern that they would no longer have a meeting room after this month due to the rent of the HOA space being raised by 60%.
2. **Arleen Hitchcock** – Concerned about not having a Center for Seniors and Public transportation to this area.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: Speakers Continued...

3. Mention was made that there is an AIS office up the street and that they welcomed volunteers, as long as they were really willing to work.
4. **Jerry Pollock** – Informed that the Park and Recreation Center in Tierrasanta will rent them a space for \$20.00 an hour. The Hex Center is dilapidated and in need of repair and would need to be brought up to code in order to use it.

PRESENTATION: Queen Johnson, Senior Advocate

Ms. Johnson prides herself on being a pro-active mature woman. Balancing and leveraging skills she acquired working in a corporate and academic environment, she has taken an optimistic approach to re-inventing herself in her own golden years. These skills have paved the way for Ms. Johnson to become a productive advocate in the community, as well as in her personal life. Each day she is filled with gratitude because of her commitment to serve, by working for seniors to have a better quality of life:

- 7 year volunteer for Senior Citizen Services, providing resources and information to the community (City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department)
- 4 year member of the Civic Engagement Committee at the Gary & Mary West Senior Wellness Center
- Writing proposals for safer housing as an active Senior Assembly Member of the California Senior Legislature for 1.5 years
- Service as an alternate on the Joint Rules Committee
- Member of the Department of Aging and Independent Services Advisory Council for 1.5 years and a liaison for the Fall Prevention Task Force and Home Health Committee (County of San Diego, Health and Human Services)
- 3.5 years as a facilitator for Healthier Living Workshops
- Public speaker for a variety of community events and councils

CITY STAFF UPDATES:

- Provided the Board with Council Committee Calendars for 2014
 - Explained that this would be an avenue for the Board to express their opinions and recommendations as well as present reports, annually or quarterly based on the bylaws.
- Requested that Bylaws be revisited in May 2014.
- Provided a sample reappointment letter for Board Members to look out for in May 2014

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board Member Community Reports:
 - Erskine Garrette –
 - Barrio Logan – Paradise Senior Center
 - Memorial Community Center
 - Martin Luther King Community Center
 - Mountain View Community Center
 - Susan Deininger
 - Barrio Logan – Paradise Senior Center
 - Elissa Landsman

- Mira Mesa Community Center – Golden Friendship Senior Group
- Evie Kosower – Visited a Community Center that was closed and the phone number posted was never answered.
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- Rotating Chair Selection:
 - Erskine Garrette will be the Chair for the February Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: NONE

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- California Council on Aging provided in handout form
- Requested AARP speaker at a future meeting

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: February Meeting Location – Barrio Logan Paradise Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:58 pm