

Senior Citizen Commission

Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026 AT 5:00PM.

Chairperson Allen called the Senior Citizen Commission meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Roll Call: Chairperson Allen, Commissioner Douse, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Maston, Commissioner De Mesa

Absent:

Staff Present: Mike Perez, Community Services Supervisor
Diane Brown, Rec Leader IV

The flag salute was led by Chairperson Maston

Approval of Minutes – Meeting notes of December 3, 2025 were approved

Oral Communication: Member of the public made comments on the Seniors wanting to go on a field trip every month, and asked about the reasoning of the trips being reduced.

Written Communications:

SUPERVISOR REPORT

A. Senior Trips/Events

- Partners in Care “Arthritis Exercise” – 1:00pm – 2:00pm ○ January 5th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 23rd, 26th, 30th ○ February 2nd, 6th, 9th, 20th, 23rd
- 1/21: Free Hair Cuts – 10:00am -2:00pm
- 2/13: Valentine’s Day Dance – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

B. Special Events

- Hawthorne Eats/Street Eats Week ○ Sign Up Deadline – Friday, January 9th ○ January 25th – January 31st
- Hawthorne Fair Housing Workshop

C. Senior Center Closures

- January 19th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

D. Senior Center Construction Update

- Spring 2026

COMMISSIONER’S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson De Mesa- Suggest to check on neighbors for tel numbers to make calls to invite them to the senior center & commissioners meeting, also knock on doors. Suggested moving the resource fair from October to the month of August

Chairperson Juanita: said she's connected to many senior centers ideas from them named Inglewood, & Willow brook. Also made a motion to make events for Hawthorne residents have first choice at what happens at our senior center.

Chairperson Darvis: said she is available for any activity to help

Chairperson Maston: said if you know any seniors in your neighborhood that you could help, share with them what information you have. Said the Christmas event was a good one.

Mike: shared there were 1,500 people that attended the Christmas event, maybe there will be snow at the next. Said he will bring Dulce into the February meeting to speak to identifying isolated seniors

It was mentioned that the raffle went well at the December Holiday dance that the senior center held.

COMMISSONER DIRECTIVES

1. Directive was given to staff to look into the upcoming Senior Center Budget for FY26-27 to see if its feasible to see if the Seniors can go on a trip every month, as they have been in years past.
 - Motion: Commissioner Maston
 - Seconded: Chairperson Allen
2. Directive was given to staff to see the feasibility in establishing a priority registration for Hawthorne Seniors as it relates to signing up for Senior Field Trips.
 - Motion: Commissioner Douse
 - Seconded: Chairperson Allen

Chairperson Allen adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 4, 2026 City Hall Chamber

Minutes Submitted by Diane Brown