



CITY OF NEWARK

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center
7401 Enterprise Drive, Newark, CA
9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Michael Hannon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members: Rick Arellano, Sandi Arellano, Olga Borjon, Shirley Ferrante, Linda Mapes, Eileen McDonald, and Glen Wickizer. Committee Member Kathleen Lemos was noted absent. Staff present: Lenka Hovorka, Nicholas Cuevas, Cheryl Galvez and Becca Hicks.

B. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

No welcome/introductions.

C. GUEST SPEAKER

C.1 Richard Martinez, City of Newark Emergency Services Coordinator – Presentation on Emergency Preparedness

Richard Martinez gave an informative presentation on the importance of emergency preparedness. He discussed small steps individuals can take to prepare themselves for several emergency scenarios, including earthquakes, power outages, fires, evacuations, and sheltering in place. He also provided information on future emergency preparedness trainings held by the local CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) organization.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Council Member Eve Little sought feedback from the Senior Advisory Committee regarding her upcoming senior citizen focused programs, including the upcoming Senior Citizen Leadership Academy and the Tri-City Veterans Mixer.

E. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the Thursday, September 18, 2025 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting were moved for approval by Committee Member Eileen McDonald and seconded by Committee Member Rick Arellano with all in favor.

F. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation Coordinator Becca Hicks provided updates on the current membership statistics, details on current and upcoming programs, trips, and special events.

G. OLD BUSINESS

In response to the Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center parking lot entry concerns brought up in the May 22, 2025 meeting, the City of Newark Public Works Department has completed construction on a new “Exit Only” driveway. The original driveway is now “Enter Only,” with street signage updated and striping of the parking lot in progress.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1 None.

I. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

I.1 Chairperson Michael Hannon recommended the Committee invite the Alameda County Fire Department to come to present at a future meeting.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Becca Hicks
Recreation Coordinator