



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 3:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

**This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible**

### Roll Call

**Present:** Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Willa Sudduth and Kim Marlia

**Absent:** Elizabeth Carty and Vera Gibbs Winston

**Council Liaison:** Janet Abelson (Excused)

**Staff:** Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

**Guests:** Althea Langston and Joanna Kim-Selby

**Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M.**

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 15, 2012 stand approved as written.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment.

### 3. PROGRAM: CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

Ms. Selby provided an overview of California Senior Legislature's history, membership, funding, legislative proposals, accomplishments and the Joint Rules Committee structure.

### 4. REPORTS

A. **Council Liaison Report** – No Report.

B. **Affordable Housing Project Update** – No report.

C. **Housing Subcommittee** – No report.

#### D. Transportation Sub-Committee

Ms. Cressey reported that AC Transit is purchasing 60 buses with front-loading lift that would accommodate wheelchair-bound passengers. She added that a bus prototype is being tested and modified before AC Transit release the new buses for public use.

#### E. Legislative (State & Federal)

Mr. Guthrie reported that there will be new important propositions in the ballot this coming election, Proposition 30, a Sales Tax and Income Tax Increase, and Proposition 38, a State Tax Increase to Support Public Education. He speculated that there will be a proposal for additional state budget cut if Propositions 30 and 38 do not pass.

F. **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** - No report.

#### G. West County Senior Coalition

Ms. Cressey shared that West County Senior Coalition (WCSC) needs to increase membership, especially in the West Contra Costa County. She added that WCSC recognized the growing number of Asians in the West County that need to be more active in the community. She noted that members are not consistent with their participation at the coalition.

## **H. Health Care Sub-Committee**

Ms. Honda announced a screening of the documentary film, "Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story" on Thursday, September 20, 2012, 7PM, at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue.

Ms. Honda distributed informational flyers on additional program discussion and screening of documentary films at the El Cerrito Library: Japanese American Internment: Lesser Known Stories on Thursday, October 4 at 7PM and Japanese American Nurseries in Richmond on Thursday, October 11 at 7PM. She shared that the presentation is part of California Reads in West County; funded by CAL Humanities.

Ms. James reported that the elderly resident at the Hazel Shirley Manor, that was mugged while walking early in the morning, passed away. A discussion followed on public safety.

## **I. Membership**

Ms. Honda introduced Ms. Langston as she is interested in joining the committee. Ms. Langston said that she is interested to know more about services available for seniors in El Cerrito. Dr. Kwong shared with Ms. Langston that she must attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee on Aging for membership recommendation.

Ms. Daniels inquired about Ms. Selby's recommendation for membership to the committee. Ms. Espadilla shared that Ms. Selby missed the last meeting that would satisfy the attendance requirement for membership.

## **5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. Bilbas reported that the senior center is back to normal operation. She added that office furniture was rearranged at the main office. She shared updates on senior center programs, senior trip expansion to include weekends, and creating additional fee-based classes.

Dr. Kwong asked Ms. Bilbas for guidance on how the committee could advocate and become more proactive for the seniors in El Cerrito. Ms. Bilbas suggested for members to schedule a brainstorm session to discuss the committee's goals and objectives. Dr. Kwong and members moved the discussion as an item on the agenda for the next regular scheduled meeting in October.

## **6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- A. Committee on Aging Meeting Location
- B. Committee on Aging Goals and Objectives

## **7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING at 4:00 p.m.**

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