



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 3:00 P.M.

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

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### ROLL CALL

**Present:** Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Vera Gibbs Winston, and Nola Veganes Chavez

**Excused:** Karen Christian, Lillian Daniels, Gabriel Quinto, Joanna Kim Selby and Willa Sudduth

**Council Liaison:** Janet Abelson

**Staff Liaisons:** Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

**Meeting called to order at 3:10 P.M.**

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of November 20, 2013 meeting approved.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC** - No comment from the public.

#### 3. REPORTS

##### A. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Abelson reported the following from City Council meeting:

- Change of leadership in Council: Mayor (Abelson), Mayor ProTem (Benassini), Councilmembers (Bridges/Friedman/Lyman)
- Proclamation recognizing Dr. Randy Schekman upon the Award of the 2013 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine and declaring December 10, 2013, Randy Schekman Day in the City of El Cerrito
- Kim Coles, American Cancer Society – Relay for Life, spoke about the importance of the Relay for Life, the fight against cancer and the celebration of cancer survivor.
- El Cerrito Police Department Explorer Program
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company update on Natural Gas Pipeline testing in El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Substation Rebuild Project

##### B. Affordable Housing Project Update

Councilwoman Abelson stated that the construction of Eden Housing is underway. Ms. Cressey inquired about the process on how to apply for affordable housing like the Eden Housing in El Cerrito. Councilwoman Abelson suggested having a presentation from Eden Housing Project. Ms. Bilbas agreed to contact Ms. Hilde Myall from the El Cerrito Economic Development Division for a Q & A presentation at the next Committee on Aging meeting in January.

A discussion followed on affordable housing application process, lottery system, advertising, and new senior center in El Cerrito.

**C. Housing Subcommittee**

Ms. James reported updates on the construction inside the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor.

**D. Transportation Subcommittee**

Ms. Cressey stated that AC Transit is encouraging the public to report the positive or negative experience when using the transportation so that AC Transit can continue providing a better transportation service.

Mr. Guthrie reported using the Easy Ride Paratransit Service's 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month Shopping (Costco, Target, Pacific East Mall & Grocery Outlet). He added that his shopping trip "worked nicely" and reported that passengers would like to see the program twice a month.

**E. Legislative (State & Federal) – No report.**

**F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory – No report. No meeting in November.**

**G. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC)**

Ms. Bilbas reported that WCSC provided updates on the Richmond Senior Ball.

**H. Health Care Subcommittee**

Ms. Honda shared her concern about the elderly in El Cerrito because the El Cerrito Senior Center is a small facility and she felt like the seniors are being left behind. She encouraged the committee to continue to "push" for a new senior center in El Cerrito. She added that she wants to continue working with the community to have a new senior center.

**I. Membership – No report.**

**J. Guest Speaker Subcommittee**

Ms. Chavez reported potential guest speakers for public presentation: Safety Issue, Covered California, Elder Abuse, Dementia, Independent Living, Macular Degeneration, How to Drive Safely, Lack of Sleep & Depression, and Fall Prevention.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Slate of Officers**

Ms. Bilbas distributed a copy of an overview of New Policy and Rule Changes for Boards, Commission & Committee. She stated that the new Slate of Officers will be presented in March meeting and will take office in April. She added that no chair can serve for more than 2 consecutive years. Agenda item moved to the regular scheduled meeting in March.

**B. Affordable Housing**

Ms. Bilbas distributed information on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) waiting list and tenant selection process. A discussion followed on Eden Housing Project in El Cerrito and affordable housing tenant selection process.

**5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. Bilbas reported updates on the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at the Community Center, Holiday Party at the Open House Senior Center (OHSC), Senior Center Holiday Schedule (Closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>

to January 1<sup>st</sup>), Easy Ride Paratransit's 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month Shopping Trip, and new Beginner Bridge Class at OHSC.

**6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TENANT SELECTION PROCESS  
(EDEN SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT)**

**7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING** at 4:00PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

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