



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Gabriel Quinto, Willa Sudduth, and Nola Veganes Chavez

Excused: Lillian Daniels, Joanna Kim Selby, and Vera Gibbs Winston

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 19, 2014 approved as written.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Abelson announced the Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Work parties from 9AM to 12PM. Volunteer Appreciation lunch from 12PM to 1:30PM at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane.

Mayor Abelson invited the community to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Ohlone Garden Mixed-Use Residential project on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 from 4:30PM-6:00PM at the project site, 6431-6495 Portola Drive, El Cerrito.

Ms. Cressey inquired about the progress report on the project relating to traffic going in and out of the plaza, parking, and customers. Mayor Abelson explained that the mix-use condominium at East side by the BART Plaza project approved a couple of years ago has new owner as it has been sold recently. She pointed out the positives of bringing new customers to the plaza, the need for car greatly reduced and close to BART. A discussion followed on low-cost housing.

Ms. Bilbas reported updates on programs at the senior center and special events:

- Bal-A-Vis-X (stands for balance, auditory and visual exercises) on Wednesday, May 28, 3:30PM-4:30PM at the senior center.
- “Common Medications and Pain Management for Elders” presentation with Dr. Elizabeth Landsverk at the senior center on Thursday, June 5, 2PM-4PM.
- R-Transit Reception on Thursday, April 24, 1PM-3PM at 1600 Nevin Plaza, Richmond Amtrak/BART Station
- “Pioneer Reception in El Cerrito” on Wednesday, April 23, 4:30PM-6PM at El Cerrito City Hall to celebrate pioneers born in, or very near, El Cerrito before 1925. Event hosted by the El

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - No speakers.

4. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee

Ms. James announced the Friendship Line presentation on Friday, April 18 at the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. She also reported on the constructions and remodeling at the facility.

B. Transportation Subcommittee

Ms. Cressey shared that BART has finished fumigating their train after two passengers reported finding bedbugs.

Mr. Guthrie inquired about the status on software for transportation reservations & payment using a card instead of the current ticket system the senior center use. A discussion followed on the Easy Ride, payment system, reservation, clipper card, and transportation.

C. Legislative (State & Federal) – No report.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory – No report.

E. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC)

Ms. Bilbas announced receiving \$500 monetary donation from WCSC towards the Golf Tournament fundraiser event on Monday, April 28th.

F. Health Care Subcommittee

Ms. Honda shared her concern with the additional cell towers that AT&T plans to install in El Cerrito. She asked Mayor Abelson whether health issue is factored in at City Council decision when approving the project. Mayor Abelson explained that City Council is guided by Federal & State law regulations, not allowed to rule in health issue. A discussion followed on esthetics of the project, health & safety concerns, federal law and project approval process.

G. Membership

Ms. Cressey reported that Ms. Estella Manila who attended twice at the meeting has said that she will not be joining the committee until September as she is in San Diego visiting her family.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee

Ms. Chavez reported meeting with Mr. Guthrie and Mr. Quinto to discuss and schedule guest speakers for upcoming presentations. She listed the following topic for the presentation: Long-Term Care Insurance, Community Resource for Independent Living and Veterans Benefits for Service members. Subcommittee members decided to move guest speaker presentation from City Hall to the Open House Senior Center to increase public participation.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Goals & Objectives

Committee members discussed and presented the following goals and objectives for the next fiscal year as follows:

- Continue Guest Speaker Presentations
- Establish resource for low-income seniors in need of home repairs

A discussion followed on handyman and repairs, habitat for humanity, referrals, liability, fee for service and senior resources.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – No items presented.

7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 4:20PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

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