



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING  
Wednesday, August 17, 2016  
Creekside Room, City Hall**

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Margot Allen, Katherine Cesa, Karen Christian, Kenneth Epley, Mark Guthrie, Jennifer Haller, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Nola Veganes Chavez  
Members Absent: Shirley Cressey, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Callie Major, Joanna Kim Selby  
Council Liaison: Janet Abelson  
Staff Liaison: Janet Bilbas  
Guest: Lori Teachout

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Kenneth Epley moved, and Dr. Pansy Kwong seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mark Guthrie announced the Senior Resource Fair, October 5, 2016, 9 am – 1 pm at the El Cerrito Community Center and asked for volunteers to staff cell phone table.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Abelson reported that at the August 16, 2016 Council meeting, Council: 1. approved a resolution opposing Sutter Health Corporation's plan to cease acute care hospital operations at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley; 2) discussed possible locations for a new library. Proposed locations are above the Community Center, El Cerrito Plaza BART Station, and the vacant lot between Fire Station 71 and Civic Plaza Apartments on San Pablo Avenue. On Tuesday, July 19, the City Council unanimously approved placing a library funding measure on the November 2016 ballot to provide a safe, modern El Cerrito Library.

Janet Bilbas explained the volunteer Travel Trainer Program. Trained volunteers will show seniors how to use public transportation to go to their various destinations. She asked for volunteers for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Faire.

5. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee: Margot Allen distributed a list of tentative goals for the Housing Subcommittee, which includes plans to compile a list of available senior/low income housing. She asked for suggestions on how to get information on available housing in El Cerrito.

B. Transportation Subcommittee: Mark Guthrie explained how Safeway and Costco have food delivery services, assistance to those who have transportation issues.

C. Legislation: Dr. Pansy Kwong reviewed AB 1846 and presented sad news about lack funding for Adult Education.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: None

E. West County Senior Coalition: Jennifer Haller announced the California Alliance for Retired Americans, September 12, 2016, 10 am- 2 pm at the Richmond Auditorium.

F. Health Care Subcommittee: Dr. Pansy Kwong announced availability of flu shots. There will be flu shots at the Senior Faire, October 5, 2016.

G. Membership: Kathy Cesa is a new member. There are no more vacancies on the COA.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Nola Chavez distributed a memorandum outlining a procedure for recommending guest speakers. She asked for comments. Janet Bilbas suggested using titles instead of individual's names so that the document would be more general. She noted that the document was well thought out. Dr. Pansy Kwong suggested another method of communicating besides e-mail (e.g., by phone) since not everyone has e-mail. Mark Guthrie suggested keeping a list of speakers so that recurring speakers could be easily contacted.

I. Technology: Janet Bilbas reported that there is a phone called "Clear Caption" for hard of hearing that prints out on a screen what the caller is saying.

J. New Business

1. Approval of Work Plan and Accomplishments: Jennifer Haller moved, and Karen Christian seconded a motion to accept the Committee on Aging Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 pm.