



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall**

1. ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

Members Present: : Margot Allen, Katherine Cesa, Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Mark Guthrie, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Callie Major, Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganes, Chavez

Members Absent: Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaison: Janet Bilbas

Guest: Nicholas Arzio, Mary Nicely

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Margot Allen moved, and Shirley Cressey seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC:

Nicholas Arzio, mention the El Cerrito City-wide garage sale that was happening on October 22, 2016. He also suggested that the Committee on Aging might want to get involved with having Lucky Supermarket replace a bench in front of their store that they removed because of homeless people sleeping on it.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Councilmember Abelson reported on the Hana Gardens which is a 63-unit, mixed-use, senior, affordable housing community, scheduled to be built on San Pablo Avenue at the former Tradeway Furniture store site. Eden Housing is on track to close financing and start construction before the end of 2016. To be placed on an interest list for the senior affordable units, please contact Eden Housing at 582-1460. Councilmember Abelson also reported October 18, 2016 Council meeting, Unity and Bullying Prevention Awareness Day is October 19, 2016. Both the Recreation and Police gave departments updates. October is Arts and Humanities Month. The City of El Cerrito has approved testing and operation of intelligent vehicles on the streets and roads over which the City has jurisdiction. Mark Guthrie mentioned the concern of semi-trailers being driven without drivers and how many people will lose their jobs.

Janet Bilbas reported that the California Free Telephone presentation was well-attended.

She also listed future Senior Center events:

1. Medicare What's New & Different in 2017, November 2, 2016, Open House Senior Center, 1:15 pm
2. Flu Shot Clinic, co-sponsored by Walgreens, Open house Senior Center, U.S. Department of Health, November 30, 2016, Open House Senior Center, 1-3 pm

5. GUEST SPEAKER:

Mary Nicely, District Director, from the Office of Assemblymember Tony Thurmond reported on the closure of Alta Bates hospital and the reduced services at Summit Hospital in Oakland. If Alta Bates Hospital closes the only Hospital in West Contra Costa will Richmond Kaiser. They are so overloaded that ambulances are routinely routed to other hospitals. The concern is the high cost to build a new hospital and affordable land in West Contra Costa County to build a hospital.

6. REPORTS:

A. Housing Subcommittee: None

B. Transportation Subcommittee: None

C. Legislation Subcommittee: None

D. Area Agency on Aging: Joanna Kim Selby reported on the California Senior legislation event held October 25-27 in Sacramento. The group will decide on three major senior issues to forward on to Governor Brown.

E. West County Senior Coalition: Jennifer Haller reported on Zydeco Band playing October 22 at the Richmond Auditorium. Discussion on Affordable Housing October 28 at Richmond City Council Chambers from 10 am-noons. The county is looking for volunteers to work the election.

F. Health Care Subcommittee: None

G. Membership Committee: None

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: None

I. Technology: Kenneth Epley mention a new door bell camera for your home that will alert you on your smart phone when someone rings the door bell with a photo and you can speak to them.

7. NEW BUSINESS: 1.The board decided to not write a letter of thank you to Governor Brown.

2. Discuss about blog site was tabled to next meeting.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a. Involvement with issue of benches in front of Lucky Supermarket.

b. Committee on Aging Blog site.

c. Joining a task force concerning the Alta Bates hospital closure

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.