



# Meeting Minutes

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

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

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### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Steve Lipson, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganas Chavez

Members Absent: Margot Allen, Katherine Cesa, Karen Christian, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong

Councilmember Present: Mayor Janet Abelson

Staff Present: Janet Bilbas, Lori Teachout

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jennifer Haller added to Kenneth Epley's report on using his phone as a credit card, that he also said Samsung Pay is another application.

Jennifer Haller moved, and Callie Major seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. The motion carried with Shirley Cressey abstaining.

### 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

*This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries from citizen regarding matters which do not otherwise appear on the agenda. Remarks are limited to a maximum of 2 minutes per person*

### 3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

*Janet Bilbas and/or Mayor Abelson may report on matters of general interest to the El Cerrito Committee on Aging, Council policies, priorities and significant actions taken by the City Council.*

Mayor Abelson reported on the progress of the Tradeway project, which will be completed in seventeen months. The new housing facility will be called Hana and will have 62 low income senior housing units. Discussion followed about other low income housing projects in the City.

Janet Bilbas announced the passing of former Committee on Aging member, Mark Guthrie. Mayor Abelson acknowledged Mark Guthrie's work with the Committee on Aging at the close of the March 7, 2017 Council meeting.

She reported on events past/future at the Open House Senior Center (OHSC):

- 1) March 3, 2017, at the OHSC, Community Development Manager, Margaret Kavanaugh Lynch gave a presentation of the housing projects in El Cerrito. There were about thirty attendees.
- 2) Lyft is scheduled for a presentation at the Senior Center on April 5, 2017.
- 3) The Annual Dynamo Golf Tournament is scheduled for Mira Vista Country Club on April 24, 2017.
- 4) At the travel training field trip on March 10, 2017, Janet Bilbas and seven seniors rode BART and Emery Go Round.

### 4. REPORTS

*(Reports by Members of the Committee. The Committee may discuss individual report topics and refer or schedule issues for future action. Each report is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.)*

A. Housing Subcommittee: None

B. Transportation Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey

Shirley Cressey reported: 1) There are driverless transit buses operating in Bishop Ranch; 2) BART announced station closures some weekends in April-July for equipment and track repairs; 3) the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee has distributed a transit survey, which can be returned to the OHSC.

- C. Legislation (State & Federal): None
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Joanna Kim Selby shared a copy of the 2017 Contra Costa Area Agency on Aging Plan Update and Episcopal Senior Communities Social Accountability 2016.
- E. West County Senior Coalition: Jennifer Haller distributed a handout on Supplemental Security Income. She announced Assemblyman Tony Thurmond's new bill which will require the attorney general to approve any hospital closures; that there will be a Saint Patrick Day celebration at the Pinole Senior Village; on April 12, 2017, there will be a meeting at Supervisor John Gioia's office about a \$3 billion grant for 2016-2020 to coordinate and improve health and social services.
- F. Health Care Subcommittee: Kimi Honda complimented Steve Lipson's Eldertech program and stressed its importance in facilitating seniors' management of health issues.
- G. Membership Subcommittee: There is an opening on the COA.
- H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Nola Veganes Chavez talked about the importance of fiduciaries' roles in estate planning, reminding the COA about the Fiduciary Talk on May 3, 2017 at the OHSC.
- I. Jennifer Haller suggested meditation as a future class/presentation for the OHSC. Kenneth Epley said he currently attended a meditation class at Sycamore Church.
- J. Technology: Kenneth Epley reported that he recently used Legal Zoom to do his will.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. April Elections
- 2. Steve Lipson reported on the bench at Lucky's grocery store. Lucky's is remodeling and will include a larger foyer, with a glass front, which should be able to accommodate a bench for seniors waiting for buses.

## 6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Steve Lipson suggested inviting Joan Carpenter from Supervisor John Gioia's office.

## 7. ADJOURN REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

*The next Committee on Aging meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 3:00PM at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.*

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