



## Meeting Minutes

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito, CA 94530

**This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible**

**The meeting is called to order at 4:20 pm.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Katherine Cesa, Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Steve Lipson (Chair), Callie Major (arrived 4:35), Kim Marlia, Joanna Kim Selby (arrived 4:30), Nola Veganes Chavez (arrived 4:35)

Members Absent: Margot Allen, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong,

Councilmember Present: Mayor Janet Abelson

Staff Present: Janet Bilbas (Senior Center Supervisor), Christopher Jones (Recreation Director), Lori Teachout

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Approve the minutes of April 19, 2017 meeting.*

Karen Christian noted that she was absent from the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Kenneth Epley moved to approve the minutes as amended. Katherine Cesa seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **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:**

##### **Report given before meeting convened.**

*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.*

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion of draft letter to the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education supporting continuance of the Open House Senior Center at its present site.

Chris Jones gave background on lease agreement between WCCUSD and the City concerning the property of the OHSC. The current lease agreement expires June 2017. There is a desire of the Fairmont Elementary School to expand and use the OHSC for office and some classroom space. The City is requesting an extension of three years on the lease.

Debbie Marshall, a parent of a Fairmont student, explained the parents' frustration with the crowding and condition of the school. She stated her desire to work with the City, school and seniors to work towards an amicable solution. She described how the school could use the Senior Center buildings.

Steve Lipson noted that the City has agreements with the school district and maintains its fields.

Jan Duckhart, 7345 Rockway Avenue, asked how Fairmont School planned to use the OHSC.

Discussion followed regarding the letter to the WCCUSD Board by Mayor Abelson and COA Chair Steve Lipson.

Kenneth Epperly expressed concern about the process. He cited past examples of correspondence first being forwarded to the City Council for their approval.

Jones responded that in this situation the City Council meeting is not until after the WCCUSD Facilities Subcommittee meeting. In an effort to be able to put the City's request before the Subcommittee, this special meeting was called to review the letter.

Wording changed. Grammar errors corrected.

Jennifer moved that the draft letter with corrections be approved. Nola seconded the motion which passed with two abstentions. (Kenneth Epley and Katherine Cesa)

## **5. 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: Janet James, Margot Allen, Karen Christian
- B. Transportation Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley
- C. Legislation (State & Federal): Pansy Kwong
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Joanna Kim Selby
- E. West County Senior Coalition: Steve Lipson, Jennifer Haller, Katherine Cesa
- F. Health Care Subcommittee: Kimi Honda, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson
- G. Membership Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey and Kim Marlia
- H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Jennifer Haller and Nola Veganes Chavez
- I. Technology: Steve Lipson, Kenneth Epley

## **6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

## **7. ADJOURN REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

*The next Committee on Aging meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 3:00PM at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.*

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