



Recreation Department

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Committee on Aging

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 3p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

3 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Dr. Kwong called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

- ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong; Vice-Chair Jennifer Haller; Katherine Cesa, Kenneth Epley, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganes Chavez
Absent: Karen Christian; Matean “Te” Everson
Also Present: Janet Abelson, Council Liaison; Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison; Mark Deleon, Staff. (Staff member Mark Deleon arrived at 3:15 p.m. and left at 4 p.m.)

- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Buddy Akacic expressed his interest in learning more about the travel training presentation on the agenda.

Jane Doe (female resident) shared concern about fraudulent billing for repair work done in her home. Chair Dr. Kwong referred her to the El Cerrito Police Department, the Department of Consumer Affairs or Senior Legal Services as resources to better address her concerns.

- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Consider a motion of adopting the minutes of the Committee meeting on **May 15, 2019**.

Moved/Second: Vice-Chair Haller/Member Kehoe **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2019 COA meeting with edits to spelling and a correction to item 5D change Center of Independent Living to Center for Elders Independence and change Technology Chair on the Adult Advisory Council to the Contra Costa County Advisory Council. **Ayes:** Unanimous **Nos:** None

- COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Council Liaison Janet Abelson highlighted housing project at the former Taco Bell site. City Council denied appeal, the project will move forward. Council Liaison Abelson shared that the Just Cause Eviction Ordinance had been suspended while signatures gathered in opposition of the Ordinance were validated by the City Clerks office. Staff Liaison Bridget Cooney spoke of the success of the Blood Pressure Check that was offered at the Midtown Activity Center on June 6,2019. She noted that the Recreation Department welcomed a

new summer intern with the EC Stars program and announced upcoming presentations and meetings at the Midtown Activity Center.

Reports:

- A. Housing subcommittee: James reported on upcoming presentations on Recycling and Travel Training at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor on June 27, 2019 and July 30, 2019.
- B. Transportation subcommittee: Epley shared that he is spearheading an effort to restore bus benches to AC Transit bus stops 55117 Northbound and 55506 Southbound on San Pablo Ave and Potrero. Committee member Epley has established contacts with AC Transit Director of Maintenance, who in turn coordinated with his superior and has established contact via phone and email with Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director and Karen Pinkos, City Manager.
- C. Legislation subcommittee: Dr. Kwong reported that on May 23, 2019, the House of Representatives passed the Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 known as the "Secure Act".
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Selby reported that June is Elder Abuse Awareness month.
- E. West County Senior Coalition: None
- F. Health Care subcommittee: Dr. Kwong reported that the Trump administration will end Fetal Tissue Research by government scientists.
- G. Membership subcommittee: Dr. Kwong requested outreach to members Karen Christian and Te Everson.
- H. Communication subcommittee: None
- I. Technology subcommittee: Lipson reported that Elder Tech will resume on Wednesday, June 26-July 17, 2019 and EC Stars intern Madrid will run the program. Lipson requested that committee members complete the Advisory Council on Aging online survey.
- J. Disabilities subcommittee: None

5. **West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) Travel Training Presentation by Janet Bilbas, Travel Trainer** - Janet Bilbas, WCCTAC Travel Trainer discussed the benefits of travel training. She will present information about Travel Training at the Midtown Activity Center on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. The training will be followed by an outing on the Richmond Ferry on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Reorganization of the Committee on Aging per City Ordinance, select Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee on Aging for 2019-2020 - Committee Member, Kenneth Epley nominated Dr. Pansy Kwong to the position of Committee on Aging Chair. Vice Chair, Jennifer Haller seconded. Committee member, Kenneth Epley nominated Jennifer Haller to the position of Committee on Aging Vice Chair. Committee Member Carol Kehoe seconded. The Committee voted on the nominations. **Ayes:** Unanimous **Nos:** None

Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Work Plan and 2018-2019 Committee on Aging accomplishments -Tabled until July 17, 2019 Committee on Aging meeting.

Site visit to the Safeway-Del Norte BART site with Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director follow up - Site visit date TBD in late July 2019. Chair Kwong asked if Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director knew if any changes could be made to the BART site. If not, then a site visit would not be necessary. Committee Chair Kwong requested that feedback from the site visit be incorporated into the design plan if it occurs.

6. Future Agenda Items -

- Work Plan Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and 2018-2019 Accomplishments
- Safeway -Del Norte BART site visit with Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director follow-up

7. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Dr. Pansy Kwong

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Committee on Aging meeting of June 19, 2019 as approved by the Committee on Aging.

Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison