



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE Committee on Aging

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 3p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave

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3 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong; Vice-Chair Jennifer Haller; Members Buddy Akacic (arrived at 3:02pm), Katherine Cesa, Kenneth Epley, Janet James (arrived at 3:05pm), Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Nola Veganes Chavez
Absent: Shirley Cressey, Joanna Kim Selby
Also, Present: Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison

- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
None

- 3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Assistant City Manager, Alexandra Orologas reported that at the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting, amendments to the current budget were adopted. City Council voted to keep the 4th of July Festival event intact while trying to off-set costs with public art funds.

Orologas reported that the City is preparing the 2020-2022 bi-annual budget and that the City has been tasked with making \$2 million in ongoing cost savings. The Strategic Plan is being used to guide decisions related to the budget. The next Strategic Plan Open House is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2020 at City Hall.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that AARP Tax-Aide Income Tax preparation appointments are filling quickly. Appointments continue through April 13, 2020.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the Senior Presentations held on select Wednesdays each month at the Senior Center at Hana Gardens have been quite successful. Last month presentations included a meditative tea workshop, a Japanese heritage workshop, Premier World Discovery travel fair and a financial literacy presentation by Mechanics Bank. Upcoming Senior Presentations include a Fall Prevention workshop on March 4th and a presentation about getting to know Medicare and using Medicare with VA benefits on March 18th. Senior Presentations are free.

Staff Liaison Cooney announced that the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2020.

- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member Carol Kehoe/Member Kenneth Epley

Action: Adopted the minutes of the Committee meeting on **January 15, 2020.**

Ayes: 10 **Nos:** None **Abstention:** None

- 5. Library Forum Presentation**

Assistant City Manager, Alexandra Orologas reported on findings from the El Cerrito Library Focus Group Workshop that took place on August 10, 2019.

6. **Consider a Recommendation to Appoint David Van Etten to the Committee on Aging.**
Committee on Aging members voted to recommend to Council the appointment of David Van Etten to the Committee on Aging. **Ayes: 10 Nos: None**

7. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports:

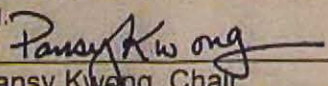
- A. Housing subcommittee (Akacic & James): Akacic shared an article from the San Francisco Chronicle regarding Rent Control.
- B. Transportation subcommittee (Cressey & Epley): Epley reported that he is continuing to work on the AC Transit bus bench project.
- C. Legislation subcommittee (Dr. Kwong): No report.
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (Lipson & Selby): Lipson reported that Elaine Welch with Mobility Matters spoke about additional funding received and a "Rides for Veteran's" program they offer.
- E. West County Senior Coalition (Cesa, Kehoe, Lipson): Kehoe and Cesa reported that the WCSC met and worked on goal setting for the group.
- F. Health Care subcommittee: Dr. Kwong shared that life expectancy is up for the first time since 2014.
- G. Membership subcommittee (Cressey & Marlia): No report.
- H. Communication subcommittee (Haller & Veganez-Chavez): Vice Chair Haller reported that the Senior Snippets section on the City website has been fixed. Vice Chair Haller also reported that Story-time for the Ages is hoping to expand their services into elementary schools.
- I. Technology subcommittee: Lipson stated that Elder Tech semester two resumes March 10th at Midtown Activity Center and March 12th at the Library.
- J. Disabilities subcommittee (Cressey & Kehoe): Kehoe observed that online priority for services is discriminatory to seniors, disabled and the poor.


8. **Future Agenda Items**

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 3pm.
- HICAP Presentation (March 18, 2020)
- Consider a recommendation to appoint Pam Wagner to the COA

9. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.
Moved/Second: Vice Chair Jennifer Haller/Member Katherine Cesa
Action: Moved to adjourn the meeting on **February 19, 2020 at 4:27 p.m.**
Ayes: 10 Nos: None Abstention: None

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Committee on Aging meeting of February 19, 2020 as approved by the Committee on Aging.


Dr. Pansy Kwong, Chair


Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison