



Recreation Department

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 3 p.m.

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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3:07 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Jennifer Haller; Vice-Chair Steve Lipson; Members Buddy Akacic, Katherine Cesa, Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Kim Marlia, David Van Etten
Absent: Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganes Chavez
Also, Present: Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison, Janet Abelson, Council Liaison
2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
No Comment
3. **COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Council Liaison Abelson reported that City Council continues to focus on the budget and plans to do the final approval of the budget at the October 6th council meeting. Council Liaison Abelson reported that sales tax for the city is projected to be significantly lower with the pandemic and it is unclear what will happen with property taxes.
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Moved/Second: Member Kehoe/Vice Chair Lipson
Action: Adopted the minutes of the Committee meeting on **August 19, 2020.**
Ayes: 10 **Nos:** None **Abstention:** 1
5. **Consider a Recommendation to Appoint Bruce Yow to the Committee on Aging.**
Committee on Aging members voted to recommend to Council the appointment of Bruce Yow to the Committee on Aging. **Ayes:** 10 **Nos:** None **Abstention:** 1
6. **COMMITTEE ON AGING SUB COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**
Sub Committee Reports are limited to three minutes per sub committee.
 - a. Housing subcommittee (Akacic & James): James reported that Eskaton hired a new Social Services Coordinator.

- b. Transportation subcommittee (Cressey & Epley): Cressey reported that Volta in partnership with the City of Richmond is offering an electric vehicle charging station at the BART parking garage located at 1501 McDonald Ave.
- c. Legislation subcommittee (Kwong): No report.
- d. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (Lipson & Selby): Lipson reported that at the last AAOA meeting, California Health Advocates gave a presentation on Fraud in which they outlined how fraud is perpetrated on seniors. Debbie Toth, representative for the Master Plan on Aging spoke about the shape the Master Plan on Aging is taking. Information on the Master Plan on Aging is available on www.engaged.org. AAOA is rebuilding their website to contain more senior resources and information in one central location for the county.
- e. West County Senior Coalition (Cesa, Kehoe, Lipson): No Report
- f. Health Care subcommittee (Kwong): Dr. Kwong reported that suicide rates continue to increase and there are concerns with how COVID-19 and social isolation will affect suicide numbers.
- g. Membership subcommittee (Cressey & Marlia): If/when Pamela Wagner and Bruce Yow are appointed to the Committee by council, the Committee membership is full.
- h. Communication subcommittee (Haller & Veganez-Chavez): No Report
- i. Technology subcommittee (Lipson): Lipson reported that efforts are being made to revive the Elder Tech program. Vice Chair Lipson is working with volunteers to do ZOOM trainings with seniors. Lipson also reported that Google and Apple are collaborating on tools for contact tracing so our phones can operate as a mechanism to identify if we have been around covid positive folks. Lipson reported that there is an application called TeamView that allows the helper to see the other persons screen which can help with technology training.
- j. Disabilities subcommittee (Cressey & Kehoe):Kehoe reported that she has received questions regarding voting by mail, ballot drop-off boxes and assessability.

7. Parking Laws & Enforcement in El Cerrito

Special Operations Sergeant, David Wentworth with the El Cerrito Police Department spoke about parking enforcement and what is currently being enforced in the City since COVID-19. Sergeant Wentworth provided an opportunity for COA members to ask questions and referred members to report observed concerns regarding vehicles parked on sidewalks to the police department. Sergeant Wentworth also encouraged members with concerns regarding unsafe sidewalks due to construction and unsafe intersections to reach out to the City of El Cerrito Engineering and Public Works departments to discuss their concerns.


8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 3pm


9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jennifer Haller adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Committee on Aging meeting of September 16, 2020 as approved by the Committee on Aging.



 Jennifer Haller, Chair



 Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison