



Recreation Department

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

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 3 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kenneth Epley; Vice Chair Pamela Wagner; Katherine Cesa, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Joanna Kim-Selby, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Bruce Yow

Absent: Member Buddy Akacic

Also Present: Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison

Members from the Public: None

2. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Kehoe announced that she received the El Cerrito Recreation Department Activity Guide in her East Bay Sanitary quarterly statement.

Member Kehoe announced that she would like to invite the Chair of the Richmond Committee on Aging to speak at a future Committee on Aging meeting to share information about how they have been doing outreach during COVID and possible ways to collaborate with the El Cerrito Committee on Aging.

Staff Liaison Cooney announced two upcoming events on behalf of Member Akacic. On Friday, October 15th at 2pm there will be a Super Senior Seminar at 721 The Alameda in Berkeley and on Friday, October 22nd at 1pm the Arts and Culture Commissioner, Bill Nichols will lead a Social Justice Utility Box Artwork Walk.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public comment not on the agenda was received from Cordell Hindler and was included in the supplemental materials.

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that a Fall Activity Guide with information on in-person City programs went to all households in El Cerrito in the East Bay Sanitary quarterly statement in September. The mailer includes information for in-person programs for all ages.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the first two in-person senior classes started this week at the Community Center and additional programs including Contra Costa Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) counseling and the Respite program will begin in October. Chair Epley reported that HICAP is seeking volunteer counselors and information can be found on their website <https://cchicap.org/volunteers/>.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved/Second: Vice Chair Wagner/Member Cesa

Action: Adopted the minutes with corrections from the Committee meeting on **August 18, 2021**

Ayes: Chair Epley; Vice Chair Wagner; Members Cesa, James, Kehoe, Kim-Selby, Dr. Kwong, Lipson, Yow

Nos: None

Abstention: 1 (Member Marlia)

6. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) liaison Lipson reported that speaker Lee Pullen with the Adult and Disability Resource Connection in Marin spoke about his program. The ACOA is considering implementing an Adult and Disability Resource Connection in Contra Costa County.

West County Senior Coalition had no report.

7. WORK PLAN GOALS AND WORKING GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

a) *Member Kehoe reported that the mayor approved the Committee on Aging's recommendation to recognize Centenarian residents quarterly and explained the process for how and when the recognition will be done each quarter.*

b) *Member Dr. Kwong reviewed the September 30, 2021, edition of the Committee on Aging Newsletter and shared distribution locations for the August edition. A motion to adopt the September 30, 2021, edition of the Committee on Aging Newsletter with no edits was called for by member James.*

Moved/Second: Member James/Member Cesa

Action: Approve for distribution the September 30, 2021, Committee on Aging Newsletter.

Ayes: Chair Epley; Vice Chair Wagner; Members: Cesa, James, Kehoe, Kim-Selby, Dr. Kwong, Lipson, Marlia, Yow

Nos: None

Abstention: 0

Member Yow announced the next senior food distribution date at the Alvarado Adult school site is Monday, September 20, 2021. Participants are encouraged to bring two bags to carry the produce.

Member Yow reported that the Contra Costa Solano Foodbank is reviewing a possible new food distribution location in El Cerrito.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND A "SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD" TO CITY COUNCIL

Chair Epley reported that member Akacic was unable to attend the meeting and requested that he be permitted to speak on the topic at a future meeting date.

Chair Epley expressed concern over selecting one singular "Senior of the Year".

Vice Chair Wagner and member James seconded the concern siting concerns with the exclusionary nature of electing one person as a senior of the year.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 3pm
- Discussion and possible action taken on the 2021-22 Work Plan Goal: Public Transportation Infrastructure Improvements – Ken Epley (October)
- Discussion and possible action taken on the 2021-22 Work Plan Goal: Remove unused newspaper racks – Ken Epley (October)
- Discussion and possible action taken regarding a “Senior of the Year Award” – Buddy Akacic (October)
- Discussion and possible action taken to adopt meeting calendar for 2022 Committee on Aging Meeting Calendar (November)
- Presentation by the City of Richmond Commission on Aging Chair, Mrytle Braxton (October)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenneth Epley adjourned the meeting at 5:01 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 15, 2021, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

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Kenneth Epley, Chair



Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison