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

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 3 p.m.**

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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**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; Members: Buddy Akacic, Katherine Cesa, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Bruce Yow

**Absent:** Member Joanna Kim-Selby

**Also Present:** Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison and Janet Abelson, City Council Liaison

**Members from the Public:** None

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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

**3. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Member Kehoe reported that the West Contra Costa Unified Adult Education may close their Older Adult Programs in December 2021 and requested that the Committee on Aging send a letter to the school board in support of Older Adult Programs.*

**\*Motion:** Member Akacic made a motion to write a letter to the West Contra Costa Unified School District in support of continuing Older Adult Programs.

**Second:** Member Dr. Kwong seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Akacic, Member Cesa, Member Lipson, Member Yow, Member James, Member Marlia, Member Kehoe, Member Dr. Kwong.

**Nos:** none

**Abstention:** none

***\*Because this subject was not included on the agenda for this meeting, it will be considered as part of a future published meeting agenda. No action will be taken as a result of this vote until after the subject is considered as part of a future agenda item.***

*Member Kehoe announced upcoming speakers at the Christ Lutheran Senior Center.*

*Member Cesa reported on the El Cerrito Plaza BART project meeting held virtually on October 12, 2021.*

**4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

*Reports by Councilmember Abelson and/or staff on matters of general interest to the Committee on Aging, Council policies, priorities and significant action taken by City*

*Council.*

Councilmember Abelson reported on the Park and Recreation Commission Work Plan presentation at the October 19, 2021, city council meeting.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Moved/Second:** Member Kehoe Moved/Member James Second

**Action:** Adopted the minutes with corrections from the Committee meeting on **September 15, 2021**

**Ayes:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Akacic, Member Cesa, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Dr. Kwong, Member Lipson, Member Marlia, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

**6. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

*Liaisons for the Advisory Council on Aging and the West County Senior Coalition report on matters of interest to the Committee on Aging. Reports limited to three minutes per group.*

*Member Lipson reported attendance at the Advisory Council on Aging and highlighted that the California Department of Aging is reviewing funding opportunities and has a YouTube channel, and that Mobility Matters presented on options for transportation throughout the county.*

*Member Cesa reported attendance at the West County Senior Coalition and highlighted results of the most recent census and redistricting.*

**7. PRESENTATION BY RICHMOND COMMISSION ON AGING CHAIR**

*Presentations are typically limited to fifteen minutes.*

*Mrytle Braxton, Chair of the Richmond Commission on Aging shared an overview of her commission and how they have remained connected to seniors during COVID-19. Chair Braxton highlighted virtual workshops and meetings and quarterly newsletters coordinated by the Richmond Commission on Aging.*

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

Member Akacic proposed for consideration establishing a "Senior of the Year Award."

**Moved:** Member Akacic made a motion to recommend establishing a "Senior of the Year Award" to City Council.

**Second:** Member Kehoe seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Member Akacic, Member Kehoe

**Nos:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Cesa, Member James, Member Dr. Kwong, Member Lipson, Member Marlia, Member Yow

**Abstention:** None

**9. WORK PLAN GOALS AND WORKING GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

*Reports limited to three minutes per working group.*

- a) **Centenarian Recognition:** Member Kehoe reported that quarter three recognition of centenarians was completed October 5, 2021, and that three additional centenarians have been identified and added to the list for recognition.
- b) **Outreach:** Member Dr. Kwong presented the October Committee on Newsletter for editing purposes and reported there will be no Committee on Aging Newsletter published in December.

**Motion:** Member Kehoe made a motion to approve the October edition of the Committee on Aging Newsletter with edits.

**Second:** Vice Chair Wagner seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Cesa, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Dr. Kwong, Member Lipson, Member Marlia, Member Yow

**Nos:**

**Abstention:** Member Akacic

- c) **Public Transportation Infrastructure Improvements:** Chair Epley proposed for consideration a recommendation to council to install a weather shelter and bus benches at identified stops on San Pablo Ave.

**Motion:** Chair Epley made a motion to approve a recommendation to City Council for the installation of a weather shelter at AC Transit stop #55594 southbound on San Pablo Ave at Moeser Lane and the installation of bus benches at AC Transit stops #55117 northbound and #55506 southbound San Pablo Ave at Potrero Ave.

**Second:** Vice Chair Wagner

**Ayes:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Akacic, Member Cesa, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Dr. Kwong, Member Lipson, Member Marila, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

- d) **Newspaper Rack Removal:** Chair Epley proposed for consideration a recommendation to council to remove identified, underutilized newspaper racks on San Pablo Ave. Identified newspaper racks are in front of City Hall and in front of the Post Office on San Pablo Ave.

**Motion:** Member Kehoe made a motion to approve a recommendation to City Council to remove unused and unsightly newspaper racks along San Pablo Ave.

**Second:** Chair Epley seconded the motion.

**Ayes:** Chair Epley, Vice Chair Wagner, Member Akacic, Member Cesa, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Dr. Kwong, Member Lipson, Member Marlia, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

## 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 3pm
- Discussion and possible action taken to adopt meeting calendar for 2022 Committee on Aging Meeting Calendar (November)

- Discussion and possible action taken in support of continued funding for Older Adult Programs.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kenneth Epley adjourned the meeting at 4:52 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 October 20, 2021, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

  
Kenneth Epley, Chair

  
Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison