



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF OF COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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ROLL CALL

Present: Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, and Nola Veganes Chavez

Excused: Karen Christian, Willa Sudduth, Joanna Kim Selby and Vera Gibbs Winston

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Janet Bilbas

Guest: Margot Allen, Carol Kehoe and Jan Duckart

Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 18, 2015 approved.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

3. Councilwoman Abelson reported on the Economic Work Plan. Council also approved the Condo project at 1715 Elm Street to continue. Councilwoman Abelson reported on the ICM-Smart Corridor Project. The Smart Corridor Project will help to reduce traffic congestion by having over head signs and meter ramps on highway, and signage on San Pablo Avenue indicating drivers when to proceed back on highway. Ms. Bilbas reported updates on programs at the Senior Center and special events:

- Friday, May 29, 2015 6pm 63rd Commissioner Recognition Dinner
- Public comment on the draft Urban Greening Plan must be submitted to Emily Alter, Community Development Analyst at ealter@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC** – Carol Kehoe request help / information on Senior Housing in Richmond.

5. REPORTS

- Housing Subcommittee** – Ms. Janet James shared information talks on pain medications at 2 pm on June 4, 2015 and Self-care for seniors:7 tips to maximize your golden years at 10:30 am on June 25, 2015, at 2014 at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor.
- Transportation Subcommittee** – Mr. Mark Guthrie spoke on free Muni rides for seniors living in San Francisco and that ½ cost is being covered by Goggle.
- Legislative (State & Federal)** – Mr. Mark Guthrie spoke about writing letters in support of increasing flat funding to Older American Act. Mr. Guthrie also spoke about funds being taken from Medicare for Trade Aid Assistance and to write letters to stop using Medicare funds.
- Area Agency on Aging Advisory**– No report.

E. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC) – No report.

F. Health Care Subcommittee – No report.

G. Membership – Ms. Shirley Cressey moved to nominate Ms. Margot Allen to the Committee on Aging when the next vacancy occurs. Dr. Pansy Kwong seconded the motion. **Action:** Approved unanimously.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee – Ms. Nola Veganes Chavez spoke about having a “De-Cluttering Your House” guest speaker.

- Wednesday, June 10, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control.
- Wednesday, July 22, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Road Scholars traveling program.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- SB 128 END OF LIFE

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA BILLS

8. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 4:10PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20 , 2015, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

Submitted by:

Janet Bilbas

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