

# **MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

# Roll Call

**Present:** Elizabeth Carty, Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet

James, Pansy Kwong, Mary Queen, and Willa Sudduth.

**Absent:** Joanna Selby and Thelma Soldavini

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

**Staff:** Ellen Paasch and Nousheen Chaudry

**Guests:** Sonja Givens-Thomas

# Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M.

## 1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 19, 2011 meeting minutes was moved by Ms. Cressey and seconded by Ms. James.

#### 2. Public Comment.

Ms. Selby has not been able to attend Committee on Aging meetings due to conflict with her work schedule. Ms. Paasch advised removal from Committee on Aging list. Ellen will inform the City Clerk about this change. Joanna Selby will also be informed about this change.

Ms. Honda had requested a copy of information about the General Law Cities and Chartered Cities. Councilwoman Abelson provided this information to Ms. Honda and rest of the Committee on Aging members.

#### 3. Reports

#### A. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Abelson spoke about the impact of the state budget on all the cities in California and Governor's decision about the Redevelopment Programs.

Ms. Queen spoke about City of El Cerrito incorporating the hillside area that belongs to the City of Richmond. This annexation can give tax revenues to the City of El Cerrito.

Council Abelson informed that the City Council is preparing to set goals, and are in the process of preparing City's budget.

Council Abelson reported that El Cerrito and Richmond Fire Departments work in partnership to answer emergency calls. They also share the same dispatch.

No updated on Trade Way store at this time.

Council Abelson informed that construction has started for Safeway store at the old Target store location. She also said that Dollar store has closed down, and CVS store will be closed in the near future.

Council Abelson reported that the Community Garden idea that started at the Senior Center is spreading all over El Cerrito.

- **B. Senior Center Update.** No report.
- C. Housing Subcommittee. No report.
- D. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. No report.

# E. Transportation Sub-Committee

Mr. Guthrie spoke about eliminating the Easy Ride ticket system in El Cerrito. He suggested that senior riders should be able to deposit money in advance for the Easy Ride.

Mr. Guthrie informed that AC Transit will be raising the cost of the tickets. Ms. Cressey spoke about the special AC Transient card "Clipper". Seniors get discount for clipper card.

Ms. Honda shared with the group that she is a member of the BART Advisory Council. She wanted to send a letter to Nancy Pelosi about helping BART. Council Abelson advised Ms. Honda that she needs to have this letter approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

- F. Legislative (State & Federal). No report.
- G. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. No report.
- **H. West County Coalition.** No report.
- I. Health Care Sub-Committee.

Ms. Kwong shared information about health guidelines for salt intake and vitamin B12.

## J. Membership

Ms. Sonia Thomas was advised by Ms. Paasch that after this Committee on Aging meeting, she may become a Committee on Aging member. Ms. Thomas needs to submit a short paragraph about herself.

## 4. New Business

# 1) Committee on Aging By-Laws

Members reviewed the Committee on Aging By-Laws.

### 2) List of Program

Members review and update list of program for the current year.

### 5. Staff Liaison Report

No report.

### 6. Items for Next Agenda

**7. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

### **Submitted By:**

Nousheen Chaudry, Program Coordinator Senior Services Division

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