



Recreation Department

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Kenneth Epley; Vice Chair Katherine Cesa; Members: Buddy Akacic, Carol Kehoe, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Pamela Wagner, Bruce Yow

Absent: Janet James

Also Present: Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison and Janet Abelson, Councilmember

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

None

4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Abelson announced her retirement from City Council at the end of the year.

Councilmember Abelson reported that City Council met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, and that Council will continue their discussion of the San Pablo Specific Plan at a special Council meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Abelson reported that a contractor has been found for a replastering project at the Swim Center.

Staff Liaison Cooney announced upcoming Free Senior Presentations at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Staff Liaison Cooney shared an update from Public Works Director, Yvetteh Ortiz about the recommendation submitted to City Council about AC Transit bus bench installation.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that an application for membership was received and would be put on a future agenda.

5. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Member Kehoe reported that there was no regular Advisory Council on Aging report due to the Master Plan for Aging meeting on November 17, 2022.

Member Lipson reported attendance at the Advisory Council on Aging Executive Committee which discussed changes to the Access to Technology (ATT) grant distribution.

Member Lipson reported that the California Senior Legislature held their annual session

in October 2022 and some legislation relevant to older adults was approved.

Member Cesa and Member Kehoe reported the next West County Senior Coalition meeting held on October 26, 2022. The focus of the meeting was a presentation about scams and elder abuse.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved/Second: Member Kehoe Moved/Member Akacic Second

Action: Adopted the minutes from the Committee on Aging meeting held on **October 19, 2022.**

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

Nos: None

Abstention: None

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED 2023 COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING CALENDAR

Committee member discussed the draft 2023 Committee on Aging meeting calendar for possible adoption.

Moved/Second: Vice Chair Cesa Moved/Member Wagner Second

Action: Adopted the 2023 Committee on Aging meeting schedule as presented with direction to agendize a discussion and possible action at the June 2023 Committee on Aging meeting to look at whether to hold a meeting in August.

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

Nos: Member Marlia

Abstention: None

8. WORK PLAN REPORTS

Committee members discussed the draft December 2022/January 2023 Committee on Aging Outreach Newsletter for possible action to publish for distribution.

Moved/Second: Member Wagner Moved/Member Kehoe Second

Action: Adopted the December 2022/January 2023 Committee on Aging Outreach Newsletter for publication and distribution.

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

Nos: None

Abstention: None

Committee members discussed the draft Committee on Aging Outreach Survey regarding programs and services for seniors in El Cerrito for possible action to publish for distribution.

Moved/Second: Member Yow Moved/Member Akacic Second

Action: Adopted the Committee on Aging Outreach survey with edits for publication and distribution.

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

Nos: None

Abstention: None

Committee members discussed a plan for distribution and collection of the Committee on Aging Outreach Survey.

Moved/Second: Chair Epley Moved/Member Wagner Second

Action: Adopted the Committee on Aging Outreach Survey plan to distribute and collect responses to seniors in the community beginning in January 2023 through February 2023. The survey will be distributed by the Committee on Aging at Christ Lutheran Senior Center, St. John’s Senior Center, St. Jerome’s Church, senior living facilities in El Cerrito, to Meals on Wheels participants, at the El Cerrito Community Center to senior program and service participants, emailed to 60+ Bulletin recipients posting a link to a digital survey on the city website. Responses will be turned in to the Recreation Department office located at 7007 Moeser Lane. Committee members will distribute surveys and collect responses between January-February 2023.

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

Nos: None

Abstention: None


9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.
- Fire Department: Preparing for Emergencies (Jan 2023)
- Potential Committee Member Interview for recommendation to City Council (Jan 2023)
- Discussion and Possible action regarding holding a Committee on Aging meeting in August 2023 (Jun 2023)
- Future Presentation Topics: Affordable Housing, Senior Legislature Program

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kenneth Epley 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 Special Committee on Aging meeting of November 16, 2022, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

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 Kenneth Epley, Chair

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 Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison