



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 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, Callie Major, Willa Sudduth and Kim Marlia

Excused: Elizabeth Carty, Dr. Pansy Kwong, and Vera Gibbs Winston

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson (Excused)

Staff: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: The minutes of June 20, 2012 stand approved as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Honda announced that *California Reads* in West County is offering programs and events from September 6 through October 7 at the West Contra Costa County Libraries including Pinole, Hercules, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, San Pablo, Kensington, Rodeo and Crockett. She explained that California Reads is a statewide initiative bringing Californians together in civic engagement around the important and timely theme of democracy.

3. Program

A. California Senior Legislator

Ms. Selby's presentation on California Senior Legislator moved to the next regular meeting in September.

B. City of El Cerrito Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget

Councilwoman Abelson's presentation on City's Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget moved to the next regular meeting in September.

4. REPORTS

A. Council Liaison Report - No report.

B. Affordable Housing Project Update – No report.

C. Housing Subcommittee – No report.

D. Transportation Sub-Committee

Mr. Guthrie requested to discuss with the new Senior Center Supervisor how to enhance the Easy Ride Paratransit Service's ticket system. He proposed in 2011 a ticketless transportation system. He suggested that registered passengers' fare can be automatically deducted from their account as they schedule a ride and without utilizing a card that is similar to clipper card. Ms. Bilbas replied that she is working on how to make it happen and would like to schedule a follow-up meeting with Mr. Guthrie.

E. Legislative (State & Federal)

Mr. Guthrie shared plans to cut senior programs and proposed increased taxation from Governor Brown on the November ballot.

F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - No report.

G. West County Senior Coalition – No report.

H. Health Care Sub-Committee

Ms. Honda reported that the elderly woman, a resident Hazel Shirley Manor that was mugged while walking early in the morning, has died. A discussion followed on daytime robbery, home invasion, and public safety.

Mr. Guthrie reported reading an article in the Journal that PG&E responded to a gas leak at the BART tracks.

I. Membership – No report.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Letter from Ms. Dorothy Olsen (Elizabeth Carty)

Ms. Carty excused from attending the meeting. Ms. Cressey provided a brief summary of how the Committee on Aging initiated the requested to install a driver-side postal mailbox, now located on the corner of Kearney Street and Fairmount Avenue.

Ms. Bilbas proposed to publish an article about the new driver-side postal mailbox in the 50Plus Bulletin. Mr. Guthrie agreed to write and submit the article.

6. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Bilbas introduced herself to the Committee on Aging by providing a brief history and background as former Program Coordinator at the Open House Senior Center and recently a retired Director of Pinole Senior Center. She reported updates on recent events at the Senior Center: hiring of two new van drivers, Recreation Brochure Guide by the end of August, EBMUD smart meter installation caused water line breakage at the Senior Center, relocation of staff to temporary office during office construction, and repair/installation of new flooring.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Move Meeting Location from City Hall to Senior Center

8. Adjourned regular Committee on Aging meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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