



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 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: Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Willa Sudduth, Vera Gibbs Winston and Kim Marlia

Absent: Elizabeth Carty

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

Guest: Karen Christian, Helen Dickey, Adolf Kamil, Joanna Kim Selby, O. C. Waters and Toshi Yamashiro

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 19, 2012 stand approved as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Kwong reported reading an article from Contra Costa Times about the new senior center at Pleasant Hill. She pointed out that the Open House Senior Center is starting to show its age and that it is too small to handle all the senior programs.

Ms. Honda inquired about specific direction the Committee should take in proposing for a new senior center and library. She pointed out that building a new senior center is part of the Committee's goals and objectives. Ms. Cressey suggested adding the item on the February Agenda for further discussion.

Councilwoman Abelson recommended members to participate and attend the Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9A.M., at City Hall Council Chambers. She added that the Strategic Planning meeting is a great opportunity to voice a proposal for a new senior center.

A discussion followed on new senior center project, land availability, funding development via new parcel tax or sales tax, and mix-use facility for senior center/library.

3. REPORTS

A. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Abelson reported the City Council interviewing applicants for Boards and Commission membership as they have received many applicants interested in volunteering to serve the community.

B. Affordable Housing Project Update

Councilwoman Abelson reported progress on the two affordable housing projects located at the Tradeway site and lot behind Marshalls.

C. Housing Subcommittee – No report.

D. Transportation Subcommittee

Mr. Guthrie inquired about the implementation of a ticketless system with the Easy Ride Paratransit Service offered at the Open House Senior Center. Ms. Bilbas reassured Mr. Guthrie that she is going to check into it and going to make it top priority.

Mr. Guthrie reported on Senate Bill 1006 and 1035 regarding the Consolidated Care Initiative, whereas, the state attempts to fix health care delivery system for seniors under Medicare and MediCal.

E. Legislative (State & Federal) – No report.

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

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

H. Health Care Subcommittee

Dr. Kwong reported that CDC recommends getting flu shot during the flu season.

I. Membership

Ms. Daniels thanked visitors for coming to the DMV Ombudsman presentation and Committee on Aging meeting.

Dr. Kwong read the rules about attendance under Boards and Commissions. She pointed out that Ms. Carty missed several meetings and attended once last year. Dr. Kwong instructed Ms. Bilbas to send a letter on behalf of the El Cerrito Committee on Aging thanking her for her service to the committee.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Slate of Officers

Ms. James presented the new slate of officers as follows: Dr. Pansy Kwong as Chair, Callie Major as Vice-Chair, Kim Marlia as Secretary, Mark Guthrie and Janet James as Member-at-Large.

Action: Approval for new Slate of Officers passed unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Subcommittee Assignments

Dr. Kwong read and confirmed with members' Subcommittee Assignments as follows: Health Care (Honda/Dr. Kwong/Sudduth), Transportation (Guthrie/Cressey), Housing (James/Sudduth), West County Coalition (Cressey), Advisory Council on Aging (Vacant), Legislation (Guthrie), Membership (Daniels/Marlia). **Action:** Approval for members' Subcommittee Assignments passed unanimously.

6. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Bilbas reported on the upcoming presentations at the Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Avenue, on Earthquake Preparedness in April, California Telephone Access Program presentation in March and West County Mini Guide presentation in April.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

• **Open House Senior Center**

Discussion and possible action regarding building a new Senior Center in El Cerrito.

8. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING at 4:30 p.m.

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