Roll Call

Present: Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Gabriel Quinto, Willa Sudduth, Joanna Kim Selby and Vera Gibbs Winston.

Excused: Kimi Honda

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

Guest: Arlinda Babcock, Betty Brown and Nola Veganes Chavez

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Minutes of March 20, 2013 approved as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
   No public comment.

3. PROGRAM – The Healthcare Movie, a film documentary
   Ms. Brown reported that “The Healthcare Movie” is a film documentary on the universal medical care system in Canada. She added that the “Healthcare for All” Chapters have purchase five copies of the movie and paid for the licensing. She noted that the movie can be shown for free public viewing as long as one of the Chapter members is present at the event. She offered to have a panel of expert on healthcare issue be available for discussion and answer questions after the movie.

   Committee on Aging members unanimously voted to schedule the movie for public showing at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue on the following dates:
   • Saturday, May 18, 10:30AM-12:30PM
   • Wednesday, May 22, 2:30PM-4:40PM

4. REPORTS

   A. Council Liaison Report
   Councilwoman Abelson reported on the El Cerrito budget presentation for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. She said that there is no good news with the El Cerrito budget due to the slow economy. She shared that the City Council discussed the early retirement impact on city budget, set-up fees, basic management theory, employee roles, how to operate, positive changes within the structure of the city, and senior housing status (Eden Project). She added that some employees are promoted as they assume additional roles. She shared that Council members continue to discuss what they want to see the least and the most in the budget as they continue to “hang tight” and be frugal.
B. Affordable Housing Project Update – No report.

C. Housing Subcommittee
Ms. James shared that the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor is scheduled to do a presentation on Assisted Living Option for seniors at the Creekside Lodge in San Pablo.

D. Transportation Subcommittee
Ms. Cressey reported updates on AC Transit’s new buses (Line 78) with wider front entrance to accommodate bigger wheelchair and strollers. She noted that a fare change is possible, additional $.25 increase for seniors and more fare increase for regular passengers. She added that the use of clipper card is encouraged.

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

F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
Ms. Selby spoke about the Emergency Earthquake Preparedness, Meals on Wheels budget cut, Health Agency & Social Agency fundraising, and updates on the Court System procedure.

G. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC)
Mr. Quinto announced the 10th Anniversary Disability Capitol Action Day Solidarity March and Disability Resource Fair & Education Rally on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 10AM at the West Lawn, Capitol Building in Sacramento. In addition, he encouraged members to attend the 31st Annual Senior Information and Health Faire on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 9AM-12:30PM at the Richmond Auditorium.

H. Health Care Subcommittee – No report.

I. Membership
Dr. Kwong welcomed and introduced Mr. Gabriel Quinto and Ms. Karen Christian as new members of the El Cerrito Committee on Aging.

Dr. Kwong recognized Ms. Babcock’s third consecutive attendance to the El Cerrito Committee on Aging meeting. Members voted unanimously to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Ms. Arlinda Babcock for membership.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT
   A. Budget Sequestration (Representative from George Miller’s Office)
      Discussion on the process and impact on senior services programs in California moved to the next regular committee meeting in June.

   B. Senior Outreach in El Cerrito (Vera Winston)
      Ms. Winston reported that the Contra Costa Mini Guide is a good source for senior services information. She also recommended visiting the Open House Senior Center as they offer many classes and services for seniors in El Cerrito. She encouraged members to attend local sponsored senior events to learn more about current senior activities and services. She shared that the City of Richmond recently provided a presentation about Social Security on Tuesday, March, 12, 2013.

      A discussion followed on Meals on Wheels, Budget Sequestration, and Homebound seniors.
6. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**
   Ms. Bilbas reported updates on the following events at the senior center:
   - Thurs., April 25, 1PM on Mini Guide Resources at the Open House
   - Medical, Medicare & Social Security Tool Kit
   - Retirement of Chuck & Fong Wing as volunteers at the Tea Dance
   - Announced Mr. Patrick So, new DJ Volunteer at the Tea Dance
   - Recruitment for volunteer as Front Desk Receptionist at the Open House
   - Senior Night Out on Friday, May 17, 6:30PM-7:30PM at the Richmond Auditorium

7. **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**
   - Budget Sequestration (George Miller’s Office) on the next regular meeting in June.

8. **ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING** at 4:25PM.

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