



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Recreation Department Senior Services Division

Wednesday, May 15, 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: Arlinda Babcock, Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Gabriel Quinto, Willa Sudduth and Joanna Kim Selby

Excused: Kimi Honda, Lillian Daniels and Vera Gibbs Winston

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

Guest: Nola Veganas-Chavez and Leah Rolnier

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of April 17, 2013 approved as written.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. REPORTS

A. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Abelson reported that the City Council met with West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education (WCCUSD) to discuss the summer internship program for high school students. She added that the City of El Cerrito is collaborating and developing a model for a linked learning academy for public service. She explained that students are enrolled in classes that are job or career related. In addition, the city will choose nine students as "Summer Interns" to work in different divisions within the city.

Councilwoman Abelson reported construction in Portola Middle School for a new building. Students will be housed in portables until construction is completed. After construction, the Fairmont Elementary students will move to Portola portables until Fairmont building is constructed.

Councilwoman Abelson reported updates on the Community Alliance for Education/Writer Coach Connection at Portola Middle School. She spoke of the benefits of the Writer Coach Connection program and the importance of working with volunteers. Dr. Kwong shared that she is currently involved with the Writer's Coach Connection program once a week.

A discussion followed on the summer internship program for high school students, community outreach, and school building construction in El Cerrito.

B. Affordable Housing Project Update – No report.

C. Housing Subcommittee

Ms. James shared that she will be attending the Open House event at the Emeritus at Creekside Lodge in San Pablo on Thursday May 30, 2013.

D. Transportation Subcommittee – No report.

E. Legislative (State & Federal)

Mr. Guthrie mentioned that he has information to forward to Ms. Bilbas about the *Independent Transportation Network* (ITN), door-to-door volunteer based transportation service.

Mr. Guthrie shared that a paratransit passenger, who got dropped off at the Orinda BART station, did not have enough money to pay for the entire ride. He explained that the Paratransit representative scheduling the ride is to provide the fare amount to the passenger at the time of booking the transportation. He added that all could have been avoided if the passenger was told about the exact fare needed for the transportation.

Mr. Guthrie stated that he is wondering how the State Income Tax surplus is going to be distributed.

F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council

Ms. Selby reported attending the Advisory Council meeting and discussed budget cuts on Meals on Wheels (MOW), In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and Emergency Preparedness. Ms. Selby said that the Contra Costa County MOW has to raise money to cover the program. She added that the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team suggested an estimate wait of 14 days before assistance can be given to the public.

Ms. Selby shared that the Single Payer Health Care Reform is not mentioned but only the Obama Health Care Plan is being discussed at the meeting.

G. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC)

Ms. Bilbas reported WCSC discussed budget cuts on Meals on Wheels and Daily Lunch Program's weekend Brown Bag. In addition, MOW are very selective in adding new clients because they can no longer afford to provide the program even to the current recipients.

H. Health Care Subcommittee – No report.

I. Membership

Mr. Marlia introduced Ms. Arlinda Babcock as new member of the Committee on Aging.

Members reviewed and updated the Committee on Aging roster's contact information. Corrections and additions will be forwarded to the City Clerk.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee on Aging Member appointment to Subcommittee

Dr. Kwong confirmed Mr. Quinto for West County Senior Coalition. Ms. Christian expressed her interest in joining the Subcommittee for the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council but would need time to think about the transportation to the meeting before she can commit.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Ms. Bilbas reported updates on the following:

- Transportation budget meeting discussed requesting additional funding for Easy Ride Para transit Service
- Service expansion for once a month transportation to East West Mall, Target and Costco.
- Shuttle service during 4th of July event for seniors and the disabled.
- City of El Cerrito's Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner on Friday, May 31, 2013, 6PM at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moser Lane.
- The Healthcare Movie on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Budget Sequestration (George Miller's Representative) on the next regular meeting in June.

7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE ON AGING MEETING at 4:00 P.M.

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