



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 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, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Mary Queen, Thelma Soldavini and Willa Sudduth.

Excused: Elizabeth Carty, Lillian Daniels and Janet James

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Corrections **3A. Council Liaison Report** to read... Ms. Queen was not present at the meeting.

3E. Transportation Subcommittee Report to read...Mr. Guthrie reported East Bay Paratransit fare increase from \$3 to \$4 per ride up for 0 to 8 miles. **3I. Health Care Subcommittee Report** to read...Ms. Kwong reported on the recent breast cancer study sponsored by the National Cancer Institute to show the fact that less surgery is needed with patients with sub-acute breast cancer.

Approve the minutes of February 16, 2011 meeting. **Action:** Moved, seconded (Cressey / Kwong) and carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Sudduth invited members to free showing of movie *Iron, Joy & Angel* at the El Cerrito Theater sponsored by the League of Women Voters and City of El Cerrito. In addition, she reminded everyone that March is the National Women History Month.

Ms. Major shared that Assemblywoman Skinner sent an email announcing free income tax preparation to adults with less than \$40K annual income.

3. Reports

A. Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Abelson read City Council Proclamation recognizing Ms. Willa Sudduth as State Assembly District 14 Woman of the Year for City of El Cerrito.

Discussion followed on Redevelopment Agency funding, Target & Tradeway redevelopment projects, Eden Housing, and affordable housing in El Cerrito.

B. Senior Center Update

Councilwoman Abelson shared that there are no new developments on Senior Center project as financial source is part of the city's redevelopment funding. Ms. Paasch reported plans to update the façade of the Senior Center by painting the exterior and how best to use the space for programs and services.

C. Housing Subcommittee. No report.

D. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. No report.

E. Transportation Sub-Committee

Ms. Cressey reported attending the transportation meeting to discuss about placing a bench and shed for the public during the rainy season. In addition, a discussion followed on transportation fare increase and use of clipper card.

F. Legislative (State & Federal). No report.

G. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council. No report.

H. West County Coalition. No report.

I. Health Care Sub-Committee. No report.

J. Membership. No report.

4. Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Paasch reported updates on Spring/Summer city brochure, fee-based class increase from \$4.25 to \$4.50 El Cerrito resident and \$5.25 to \$5.50 for Non-resident, Easy Ride one-way ride increase from \$1.50 to \$2, and trips/excursion fee increase due to gas cost.

Ms. Paasch mentioned that she is completing the Senior Center workload stats and volunteer hours for the next fiscal year budget. She reported an increase in class participation based on the teacher to student ratio and daily attendance at the Senior Center.

Ms. Paasch reported an increase of forty-five daily participants at the daily nutrition lunch program. In addition, donations toward the lunch program have increased due to the relocation of donation box closer to the dining area.

5. Items for Next Agenda

- Easy Ride Ticket System
- By-Laws
- Committee on Aging Program Subject for 2011

6. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Submitted By:

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