Roll Call

Present: Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Janet James, Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Thelma Soldavini and Willa Sudduth
Excused: Elizabeth Carty, Lillian Daniels, Kimi Honda, Mary Queen and Joanna Selby
Council Liaison: Janet Abelson
Staff: Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

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

1. Approval of Minutes
   Correction to February 16, 2011 and March 16, 2011 under 31. 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 “early stage” cancer.

   Minutes of March 16, 2011 meeting corrected and approved.

2. Public Comment
   No public comment.

3. Reports
   A. Council Liaison Report
      Councilwoman Abelson shared that the City Council discussed to create the city’s mission statement. In addition, the City Council focused on city goals to balance the budget. Discussion followed on redevelopment funding, senior housing and city’s budget for next fiscal year.

   B. Senior Center Update. No report.

   C. Housing Subcommittee.
      Ms. James reported on the completion of construction at the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. She shared that the El Cerrito Fire Department is scheduled for a presentation on fire safety on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor.

   D. Transportation Sub-Committee
      Mr. Guthrie provided information on Index Travelers Network Association (ITNA), a low-cost transportation provider in areas outside the cities. Discussion followed on City of El Cerrito’s Easy Ride Transportation Service and East Bay Paratransit.

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

   F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council.
      Ms. Paasch encouraged one Committee on Aging member to volunteer time to attend Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting as Ms. Selby is not available.
G. West County Coalition
Ms. Cressey reported attending West County Coalition meeting about Medi-Cal Changes Made Easy on Friday, April 29, 2011. She added that the workshop is sponsored by West County Coalition and Richmond Committee on Aging.

H. Health Care Sub-Committee
Ms. Kwong reported updates on Alzheimer that there is an added change on levels of identifying early diagnosis of Alzheimer, dementia and pre-dementia. In addition, a research is in progress to find biological markers to diagnose early signs of Alzheimer.

Ms. Kwong reported that the National Institute of Health (NIH) has sponsored a post-menopausal estrogen study in 1991 resulting to doctors taking post-menopausal women off estrogen.

I. Membership. No report.

4. Old Business
a) Easy Ride Paratransit Service
Ms. Paasch reported possibility of purchasing and using a new Recreation Software to tract billing, account receivables, and smart phone card reader to deduct Easy Ride fee. In addition, she added that the fee per one-way ride to increase from $1.50 to $2.00 in July should the City Council approve the fee schedule for the next fiscal year. She shared the possibility of an additional full-day of service on a Friday when additional funding is received from Measure J on July 1, 2011. A discussion followed on Easy Ride ticket purchase, money card reader and financial software.

Ms. Paasch shared the name-change from Open House Senior Center to Adult Programs & Services Center. She added that the center is looking into providing service to people aging 50 and above. She pointed out the increased in class participation and visitors at the center. A discussion followed on increasing budget problems with nearby senior centers such as Pinole Senior Center and Hercules Senior Center.

b) By-Laws
Ms. Paasch recommended postponing the discussion on Committee on Aging By-Laws to the next regular meeting as it requires Committee Chair and full member attendance.

c) Committee on Aging Program Subject
Ms. Paasch requested members to review the list of programs to determine topics needed for discussion. Members agreed to move to postpone to the next regular meeting as members review the program list.

5. Staff Liaison Report
Ms. Paasch reported updates Spring/Summer City Brochure, Annual Board and Commission Dinner scheduled on May 26th, El Cerrito Police Chief Sylvia Moyer’s Cops and Coffee with the public, increase in Easy Ride day of service with Measure J funding, and partnership with local community service providers via Easy Ride.

6. Items for Next Agenda
   • By-Laws
   • Committee on Aging Program Subject for 2011

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

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