Roll Call

Present: Elizabeth Carty, Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Pansy Kwong, and Willa Sudduth.

Excused: Callie Major and Mary Queen

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Chris Jones, Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

Guests: Al Miller

Meeting called to order at 3:10 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes
   Minutes of June 15, 2011 meeting approved unanimously.

2. Public Comment
   Mr. Miller discussed and encouraged members to endorse SB810, *California Universal Health Care Act*, authored by Senator Mark Leno. Discussion followed on Vermont healthcare legislation, affordable health care for all Californians, rising cost and declining quality, state and local budgets.

   Ms. Paasch announced that El Cerrito Royale, located at 6510 Gladys Avenue, is listed as one of Contra Costa cooling centers and open to provide cooling shelter during heat waves.

3. Program
   Ms. Chaudry, Recreation Department Program Coordinator, provided a presentation on programs and services offered at the El Cerrito Adult Programs & Services Center. She reported updates on the city’s mission statement, changes to modernize the center, community garden, senior trips, classes and workshops, Alzheimer’s Respite Program, and Cyber Café.

4. Reports

   B. Senior Center Update. No report.

   C. Housing Subcommittee. No report.

   D. Transportation Subcommittee
      Mr. Guthrie reported ITNAmerica provides 330,000 rides with door-to-door transportation service to seniors with 22 affiliates nationwide. The Independent Transportation Network (ITN) allows older people to trade their own cars to pay for rides, and enable volunteer drivers to store transportation credits for their own future transportation needs.

      Discussion followed on alternative transportation service, ticketless system, ride and fuel costs, and clipper cards.
E. Legislative (State & Federal).
Ms. Carty reported updates on 26 million budget deficit at the county level that will affect and eliminate adult day care health.

Mr. Guthrie commented that the cuts are expected to become severe due to California budget deficit.

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

G. West County Coalition. No report.

H. Health Care Sub-Committee
Dr. Kwong reported that she provided a presentation on osteoporosis in June and stroke prevention in July at the El Cerrito Adult Programs and Services Center, 6500 Stockton Avenue. A 20-minute presentation on Osteoporosis and Stroke Prevention is scheduled in September 21, 2011 Committee on Aging meeting.

I. Membership
Ms. Daniels shared that Ms. Vera Winston is interested in attending the meeting but had an important medical appointment.

Ms. Paasch reported that Ms. Thelma Soldavini has decided to move to a long-term care facility and would no longer be attending the Committee on Aging. She added that Ms. Joanna Kim-Selby has been on leave of absence due to other committee commitments and would no longer be attending the Committee on Aging. In addition, Ms. Sonja Thomas-Givens cannot be a member of the Committee on Aging because she does not reside in El Cerrito.

5. Staff Liaison Report
Ms. Paasch introduced Mr. Chris Jones as the new City of El Cerrito Recreation Department Director as Ms. Monica Kortz retired from 25-years of service. She reported updates on Fall/Winter City Brochure, city website, Easy Ride Transportation Service (ERTS), and Alzheimer Respite Program.

Ms. Paasch announced that ERTS is now available on Friday beginning in August 2011 making the door-to-door transportation service available for seniors and people with disabilities (18+) El Cerrito residents from Monday through Friday, 9A.M. to 5P.M., within the city limits of El Cerrito.

A discussion followed on adult classes and programs, Lucille Weingart Community Organic Garden, El Cerrito Wall of Fame, RecTrac Software, ERTS ticketless system, Redevelopment Agency, Measure R Sales Tax, Safeway & Tradeway projects.

6. Items for Next Agenda
   A. Letter of Support on SB 810 California Universal Health Care Act
   B. Committee on Aging By-Laws

7. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.