# **MINUTES**



Recreation Department – Senior Services Division

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 3:00 P.M. Council Chamber, City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

#### **Roll Call**

Present: Elizabeth Carty, Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Callie Major, Mary Queen

and Willa Sudduth.

Excused: Thelma Soldavini

**Absent:** Lillian Daniels and Chad Shepard **Council Liaison:** Janet Abelson (Excused) **Staff:** Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

**Guests:** None

1. Approval of Minutes

Action: Move, Seconded and Carried (Major/Cressey) to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2010 meeting.

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Measure R: November ballot initiative for  $\frac{1}{2}$  sales tax to maintain vital city services.

Ellen Paasch, Adult Programs Supervisor, presented information on Measure R. Action: Discussion held.

4. Reports

A. Council Liaison Report: No report.

B. Senior Center Update: No report.

C. Housing Subcommittee: No report.

D. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor

Ms. James reported updates on Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor's Annual Board Meeting. **Action:** Discussion held.

E. Transportation Subcommittee: No report.

F. Legislative (State & Federal)

Ms. Carty reported updates on the pending state budget, state worker's salary, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) budget cuts, and Health Care Reform policy. In addition, Mr. Guthrie shared updates on Social Security reform and privatization.

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.

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#### 5. Old Business

1) Letter to Governor Schwarzenegger on In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) and Medi-Cal Budget Cuts Action: Move, Seconded and Carried (Honda/Queen) to forward the letter to El Cerrito City Council for approval and send the letter on behalf of the El Cerrito Committee on Aging urging Governor Schwarzenegger not to impose budget cuts to IHSS and Medi-Cal with the inclusion of key points.

### 6. Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Paasch promoted the Organic Community Garden at the Open House Senior Center. She shared that additional planter boxes will be built for the seniors to rent and grow their own plants or vegetables. In addition, she reported that the daily attendance at the Nutrition Lunch Program has increased. She highlighted the increasing number of new participants due to new classes and programs being offered to older adults 50 years and above.

## 7. Items for Next Agenda

OHSC Classes and Programs Workload Stats

# 8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

Submitted by: Liza Espadilla Senior Services Division Administrative Clerk Specialist

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