



Recreation Department – Senior Services Division

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chamber, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Roll Call

Present: Shirley Cressey, Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie, Janet James, Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Mary Queen, Thelma Soldavini and Willa Sudduth

Excused: Elizabeth Carty and Kimi Honda

Absent: Joanna Selby and Chad Shepard

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff: Monica Kortz, Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

Guests: None

1. Approval of Minutes

Approve the September 15, 2010 Regular Committee on Aging meeting minutes. **Action:** Approved Minutes.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Guthrie inquired about if the city has a “No Dog Allowed” policy at Cerrito Vista Park. Ms. Kortz explained that dogs are allowed at Cerrito Vista Park but must be kept on leashes while on public in accordance of the ordinance Leash Law.

3. Reports

A. Council Liaison Report

Mayor Abelson announced that the City has designated Eden Housing, Inc. as the developer for the proposed Tradeway residential mixed-use development which will include approximately 60 units, 4-story high, wheelchair access, and a health clinic facility. Discussion followed on low and very-low income categories and finding additional funding resource for the project.

Mayor Abelson reported that the City approved a proclamation honoring the El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative for 70 years service to children and parents of the community.

Mayor Abelson announced that the City is working on Climate Action Plan to include strategies for how El Cerrito can help reduce greenhouse gasses. Series of community meeting in City Hall Chambers is scheduled on October 26 from 5-7:00 p.m., November 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and December 2 from 7-9:00 p.m. to discuss recycling, waste reduction and urban greening.

B. Senior Center Update

Mayor Abelson reported that there are no updates on the Senior Center.

C. Housing Subcommittee

James announced that HUD released the latest fair market value for rentals as \$974 for studio, \$1,176 for 1 bedroom, \$1,393 for 2 bedrooms, \$1,889 for 3 bedrooms, and \$2, 339 for 4 bedrooms.

D. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor

Ms. James announced a free presentation on Senior Peer Counseling/Elder’s Actualization Project on Tues., November 16, 2010, 2 p.m. at the Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor provided by Contra Costa Health Services.

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E. Transportation Subcommittee

Ms. Queen reported budget cuts on bus transit and Paratransit fee increase from \$3 to \$4. Ms. Paasch shared that the Open House Senior Center discontinued the Paratransit half-priced tickets to expand the Easy Ride Transportation Service in El Cerrito.

F. Legislative (State & Federal)

Mr. Guthrie announced that the California State Budget signed and passed on Friday, October 8, 2010. In addition, Governor Schwarzenegger's line-item-veto to cut In-Home Care Support Service program by 43%, reduction of hours and fees for providers, and eliminating the Brown Bag Program.

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

H. West County Coalition: No report.

I. Health Care Sub-Committee

Ms. Sudduth distributed information on the seven major health care reform bills signed by Governor Schwarzenegger: SB1317, SB949, SB1057, AB2084 and SB1413.

Ms. Daniels inquired about the In-Home Care registry to help seniors with household chores, gardening, and light carpentry. Ms. Paasch referred clients to Contra Costa County Aging & Adult Services by calling 1 (800) 510-2020 as the Open House Senior Center no longer provide In-Home registry.

J. Membership: No report.

4. New Business

1) Open House Senior Center Workload Stats

Ms. Paasch reported the El Cerrito Senior Services Division classes and programs workload stats. Variety of older adults dropping in for classes, averaging 260 per visit between Monday through Friday. In addition, she announced the recent accomplishments: July 4th Event, partnership with Environment Service to distribute food bucket for recycling, Organic Community Garden, Golf Tournament, expansion of Easy Ride Transportation Service, Monthly Potluck Dinner Group, Stockton Avenue Art Stroll, and Annual Fundraiser.

5. Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Kortz announced the City's Splash Park Grand Opening at the Swim Center, Halloween Carnival & Haunted House on Fri., Oct. 29, 2010 at the Community Center, and Pet Costume Contest at Cerrito Vista Park.

6. Items for Next Agenda

- Nominating Committee
- Hilde Myall, El Cerrito Senior Project Manager on Eden Housing, Inc. proposal at Tradeway site.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

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