ROLL CALL

Members Present: Catherine Cesa, Shirley Cresse, Kenneth Epley, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Nola Veganes Chavez

Members Absent Excused: Karen Christian

Members Absent Unexcused: Joanna Kim Selby

Staff: Janet Bilbas, Mark Deleon

Council Liaison: Mayor Janet Abelson

Guest: Pamela Wagner

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

   Jennifer Haller noted that in Section 5-A Housing Subcommittee Karen Christian asked if with the increased housing being built will have an impact on schools becoming over crowded.

   Shirley Cresse moved, and Jennifer Haller seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

   None

3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

   Councilmember Abelson reported on the Lime Bike dock less bike program coming to El Cerrito the end of January 2018. Councilmember Abelson also reported on a Graffiti program that citizens and business owners can pay a deposit. Then when they need graffiti removed a third party vendor will remove it and deduct cost from their deposit. Councilmember Abelson is no longer Mayor; Gabriel Quinto is the current Mayor.

   Janet Bilbas reported on: Crab Feed Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 5:00pm. AARP tax-aide income tax preparation February 1- April 12, 2018, Travel Faire Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 1:15pm., Arrive Rides Friday, March 16, 2018 at 1:15pm, Alzheimer’s 3 part series Friday, April 13,20 and 27,2018 at 1:15pm, Contra Costa Senior Legal Services Friday, May 18, 2018 at 1:15pm, El Cerrito Dynamo Golf Scramble Friday, April 20, 2018.

4. NEW BUSINESS

   Jennifer Haller reported on a Community Forum to Save Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley. Saturday, February 3, 2018 11:00am at Ed Roberts Campus.

   Jennifer Haller and Nola Veganes Chavez discussed the idea of the Committee on Aging having a newsletter to reach more seniors. The committee members endorsed the newsletter concept and request more information on cost and difference between placing articles in current publications and having own newsletter.
5. REPORTS
(Reports by Members of the Committee. The Committee may discuss individual report topics and refer or schedule issues for future action. Each report is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.)

A. Housing Subcommittee: Janet James reported on activities at Hazel Shirley Manor, Compassion and Choices Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 2pm, Mini Health Fair Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 12pm, Free Caption Phone Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 2pm.

B. Transportation Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey reported starting July 1, 2018 “Driver for Hire” will receive a D.U.I. with alcohol level of .04.


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

E. West County Senior Coalition: Katherine Cesa reported on a Task Force on Affordable Housing, San Pablo Senior Center hosting “A Seniors Town Hall with Congressman Mark Desaulnier Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:30am., Mardi Gras February 13, 2018 at San Pablo Senior Center.

F. Health Care Subcommittee: Dr. Pansy Kwong reported that flu shots this year is less effective and if you show any signs of the flu contact your Doctor immediately, and that seniors should be taking the high dose flu shot.

G. Membership Subcommittee: Kim Marlia and Shirley Cressey announced 2 vacancies on the Committee on Aging.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Jennifer Haller announced that there will be a series of three presentations on Memory loss. Other prospective topics are scams and compassion and choices will be scheduled after the senior center has moved.

I. Technology: Steve Lipson reported that he will be starting a series of “Tech Talks” for a user group. Tech Talks will start Friday, February 16, 2018 at 1:15pm.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Post office handicap parking
Committee on Aging newsletter

Adjourn meeting at 4:43pm

7. ADJOURN REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Committee on Aging meeting is Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 3:00PM at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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