



Recreation Department – Senior Services Division

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE**  
**COMMITTEE ON AGING**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2009 3:15 p.m.**  
City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Elizabeth Carty, Lillian Daniels, Callie Major, Marilyn Miller and Thelma Soldavini  
**Absent:** Kimi Honda, Janet James, Joanna Kim-Selby and Willa Sudduth  
**Council Liaison:** Janet Abelson was absent.  
**Staff Liaison:** Monica Kortz  
**Guests:** Richard MacBride

**1. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the minutes of October 15, 2008  
**Action:** Minutes stand approved as written.

**2. Public Comment**

Richard MacBride introduced his company Confidence Home Care in Richmond, which sends out certified nursing assistants (CAN's) to people's homes, to take care of them. He handed out brochures to those in attendance.  
**Action:** Discussion held.

**3. Reports**

A. Council Liaison Report: No Report

B. Transportation Subcommittee (Soldavini)

Reported the Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC) changed the name of the organization to Transform. Reported that BART may be raising the cost of fare and has proposed charging \$3.00 to use the commuter lane. Mentioned to be aware of the problem of rising costs of transportation in this economy. **Action:** Discussion held.

C. Legislative: State & Federal (Carty)

Provided updates on California State Budget cuts. Reported that California does not have adequate funds to cover expenditures, and that there continues to be no budget plan approved by the Legislature. Mentioned that the controller is talking about issuing IOU's. Reported that Medi-Cal could be affected by the budget shortfall by eliminating certain services and increasing eligibility requirements. Reported that part of Obama's stimulus package is to provide funding to the states in effort to avoid deep cuts. Under the economic stimulus package COBRA insurance will expand health care coverage to those 55 and older. Provided information about a computerized tracking system for seniors that is proven to cut deaths by one third. **Action:** Discussion held. Callie Major moved to write a letter to the Governor in regards to how budget cuts will have a negative impact on seniors. Seconded by Lillian Daniels. Elizabeth Carty will draft the letter for review next time. **Vote:** Unanimous

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- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: No Report.
- E. West County Coalition: No Report
- F. Health Care Subcommittee: No report
- G. Housing Subcommittee (Miller)  
Provided information on the Tradeway property becoming low cost senior housing. Reported that the Target of El Cerrito parcel may return to the city within 6 months. Monica confirmed that the Target parcel would be coming to the City Council. **Action:** Discussion followed
- H. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor: No Report
- I. Membership (Daniels)  
Mentioned that she knows of a few ladies interested in becoming members of the committee.
- J. Proposed New Senior Center (Kortz)  
Reported that the city is trying to purchase the parcel under the current senior center or the creation of a new senior center and senior housing at the Tradeway site. **Action:** Discussion followed.

**4. Old Business (Carty)**

- A. Lecture Series Program, Low Cost Housing- City of El Cerrito 2003 Housing Element**  
Reported that outside community members arrived for the November 2008 lecture series program.

**5. New Business**

- A. Nominating Committee**  
Callie Major, Lillian Daniels and Marilyn Miller.
- B. Nominations and Election of New Officers on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.**
- C. The Open House Senior Center Annual Fundraiser**  
Shielaugh Divelbiss reported that the Fundraiser has made a little over \$10,000.

**6. Adjourned at 4:05p.m.**

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