



Recreation Department – Senior Services Division

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 3:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Roll Call

Present: Elizabeth Carty, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Joanna Kim-Selby, Callie Major and Thelma Soldavini
Absent: Lillian Daniels, Marilyn Miller and Willa Sudduth
Council Liaison: Janet Abelson
Staff Liaison: Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla
Guest: Evelyn Hendricks, Jane Mills and Chad Sheppard

1. Minutes for Approval

Approve the minutes of February 18, 2009 meeting. **Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Honda / James) to approve the minutes as written.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Mills reported El Cerrito Police Officer gave her a citation for going through a red light making a left turn to Stockton Avenue. She believed that the moving violation is a discretionary ticket. She felt discriminated against because she is a senior. Selby recalled a similar incident with an El Cerrito Police Officer, attended the court and lost the case. Major shared a similar experience with a disrespectful El Cerrito Police Officer and Police Chief refused to see her.

A discussion followed on El Cerrito Police Officer's conduct, public safety, safety driving and increasing number of moving violation citations. **Action:** Discussion held.

3. Reports

A. Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison Abelson reported on FY2009-2010 budget, mid-year budget review, postponement of projects, and purchase of Tradeway site. **Action:** Discussion held.

B. Transportation Subcommittee (Soldavini)

Reported AC Transit basic fees increased for additional \$.25 (\$1.75 to \$2.00) and additional \$.15 for seniors and disabled. Paasch reported Measure C ends on March 31, 2009 and Measure J begins on April 1, 2009. **Action:** Discussion held.

C. Legislative: State & Federal (Carty)

Reported updates on approved California State budget signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, \$41,000 budget gap, eliminating 4% COLA and optional dental benefits for county employees and proposal for additional 25% California State tax in the ballot. **Action:** Discussion held.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (Selby)

Reported on county budget, transportation and funding issues. **Action:** Discussion held.

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- E. West County Coalition (Selby)
Reported a public hearing on contract compliance with funding allocations and distributions for older adult programs and services. **Action:** Discussion held.
 - F. Health Care Subcommittee (Sudduth): No Report.
 - G. Housing Subcommittee (Miller): No Report.
 - H. Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor (James)
Reported Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor passed the annual review. Selby commended Janet James for offering a well-organized senior housing facility. **Action:** Discussion held.
 - I. Membership (Daniels): No Report.
 - J. Proposed New Senior Center (Paasch)
Reported no updates on the proposed New Senior Center. **Action:** Discussion moved to the next regular meeting.
4. **Old Business**
- A. Letter to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (Carty)
Reported budget passed prior to drafting letter to the governor. **Action:** Discussion held.
5. **New Business**
- A. Committee Monthly Program (Carty)
Reported the approved topics for monthly program as follows:

April 15, 2009	Measure C & Measure J Report with Ellen Paasch
May 20, 2009	Driver Safety Workshop with Julio Lacayo
June 17, 2009	Old American Act Fund Allocation in West Contra Costa with Joan Carpenter
 - B. Sub-Committee Assignments (Carty)
Reported the approved Sub-Committee assignments as follows: Transportation (Soldavini); Legislative (Carty); Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (Selby); West County Coalition (Selby); Health Care (Sudduth/Honda); Housing (Miller); Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor (James); Membership (Daniels).
6. **Staff Liaison Report (Paasch)**
Recreation Director Kortz excused from the regular meeting. Paasch reported AARP volunteers assisted 900 clients during tax season at the Open House Senior Center. Homeowner and Renters Assistance will not be offered this year due to economic crisis. Additional report on cost effective ways in distributing 60 Plus Bulletin, updates on Spring City Brochure, and retirement of Lennis Lyon, HICAP Program Manager, after 20 years of service. **Action:** Discussion held.
7. **Adjourned** at 4:40 p.m.

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