



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
OF
COMMITTEE ON AGING

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

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Christian, Nola Veganes Chavez, Shirley Cressey, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Gabriel Quinto, Joanna Kim Selby and Vera Gibbs Winston

Excused: Lillian Daniels, Mark Guthrie and Willa Sudduth

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Janet Bilbas and Liza Espadilla

Guest: Barb Amaro

Meeting called to order at 3:00 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 20, 2014 approved as written.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Abelson reported the following updates at the most recent City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 the passing the anti-smoking ordinance in El Cerrito. The City Council also heard the appeal on construction development on Elm Street and was approved with many conditions attached to it. Councilwoman Abelson explained that the construction is a restoration of farmhouse into a condominium complex. A discussion followed on second-hand smoke, anti-smoking ordinance, redevelopment funding, real estate properties, retail business availability, and retail property vacancies in El Cerrito.

Ms. Honda expressed her concern that the vacant retail lots will affect the real estate value of properties in El Cerrito. Councilwoman Abelson shared that Real Estate Agents are reporting that there are not enough real estate properties for sale in El Cerrito.

Ms. Bilbas reported updates on programs at the senior center and special events:

- The Gadget Lady Presentation
- Medicare Plan Changes
- IRS Scam
- Origami Class
- Bridge Club 2nd & 4th Saturday
- Recreation Guide Fall 2014 Brochure
- Pickle Ball
- Measure R Presentation at the next Committee on Aging meeting in September
- 2 City Council Seats Opening Running Candidates: Janet Abelson, Gabriel Quinto and Nick Arzio

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - No speakers.

4. PROGRAM PRESENTATION: SENIOR ASSISTANCE CORPS

Ms. Hegeman presented an idea to the Committee on Aging and seeking support with members on helping developing a “Senior Assistance Corps” in El Cerrito through High School Students community service. Whereas high school students can help seniors with handyman projects, a list of five things seniors wants done at home as part of fulfilling student community service credit.

5. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee – No report.

B. Transportation Subcommittee– No report.

C. Legislative (State & Federal) – No report.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory

Ms. Selby reported the following updates from the AAA Advisory meeting:

E. West County Senior Coalition (WCSC) – No report.

F. Health Care Subcommittee – No report.

G. Membership – No report.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee – No report.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 4:00PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

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