



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF OF COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, November 19, 2014, 3:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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ROLL CALL

Present: Karen Christian, Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Vera Gibbs Winston and Nola Veganas Chavez

Excused: Lillian Daniels, Kimi Honda, Gabriel Quinto, Joanna Kim Selby and Willa Sudduth

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Janet Bilbas

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of September 17, 2014 and October 15, 2014 no minutes lack of quorum, approved with corrections.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Abelson spoke on election results on the passage of Measure R, Janet Abelson being re-elected and Gabriel Quinto being elected to City of El Cerrito city council. Mayor Abelson also reported that council is in discussion about an alternative way of purchasing cleaner / greener electricity from Marin clean energy.

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

- Wednesday, November 12, “the Dementia Whisperer” Presentation at OHSC had over 30 people attending
- Friday, December 12, the senior center holiday party at 11:15a.m.
- Saturday, December 13, the annual holiday breakfast and scholarship fundraiser

3. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC - No speakers.

4. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee – Janet James shared information about HICAP, BBQ and a health fair in January, 2015. All events held at 2014 at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor. Janet Bilbas spoke on the City of El Cerrito draft of 2015-2023 Housing Element.

B. Transportation Subcommittee – No report.

C. Legislative (State & Federal) – Mark Guthrie spoke on Proposition 1-water bond legislation, Proposition 2-rainy day fund Proposition 47-reduced sentence for non-violent crimes and Measure R-city of El Cerrito sales tax increase to 10% for 12 years. Legislation to help California’s senior citizens and protect the health and safety of seniors residing in assisted living facilities across the

state, Assembly Bill 1570 –Assembly Bill 1751 – Assembly Bill 1899 –Assembly Bill 2044 – and Assembly Bill 2171. Mark Guthrie also spoke on elderly falls prevention legislation.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory– No report.

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

F. Health Care Subcommittee – Dr. Pansy Kwong spoke on influenza vaccine and shingles vaccine (Zostavax). Vera Gibbs Winston spoke on chicken farms inspection and rules, fish and mercury in fish and lean protein

G. Membership – Shirley Cressey stated that there are now 2 vacancies on the Committee on Aging

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee – No report.

5. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

6. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 4:25PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, December 17 , 2014, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

Submitted by:

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