



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF
OF

COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 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: Shirley Cressey, Mark Guthrie, Jennifer Haller, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, and Nola Veganas Chavez

Excused: Karen Christian, Lillian Daniels, Kimi Honda, Willa Sudduth, Joanna Kim Selby and Vera Gibbs Winston

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Janet Bilbas

Guest: Margot Allen and Kenneth Epley

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

1. PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Marin Clean Energy (MCE)

Justin Kudo, Manager of Account Services for MCE, will provide information about partnering with PG&E to provide electricity service. MCE offers choices for 50% to 100% using renewable energy.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 18, 2015 approved with corrections.

3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

4. Councilwoman Abelson reported on the Library survey, reporting the El Cerrito Library reported heavy usage with limited space. Council also approved the Committee on Aging letter supporting Adult Education. Councilwoman Abelson also reported that no new massage parlor business will be allowed to open. Governor Brown as signed a bill drafting a new massage parlor ordinance. The City of El Cerrito Earth Day will be Saturday April 18, 2015. Almost all of the lunch is 100% organic.

Ms. Bilbas reported updates on programs at the Senior Center and special events:

- Friday, April 24, 2015 2:30pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Wednesday, April 22, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Marin Clean Energy
- Wednesday, May 6, 2015 10am-3pm Senior Rally in Sacramento

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

6. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee – Ms. Janet James shared information on exercise and improving mobility at 2pm on April 16, 2015, at 2014 at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor.

B. Transportation Subcommittee – Mr. Mark Guthrie wants to know why five years later the City has not implemented the ticketless ride system for the Senior Center Easy Ride program.

- C. **Legislative (State & Federal)** – Mr. Mark Guthrie spoke about Assembly Bill 1261-Establishes the Community-Based Adult Services program as a Medi-Cal benefit and would specify eligibility requirements for participation in the CBAS program. Mr. Guthrie reported that Governor Brown signed Water Restriction Bill for the State of California.
- D. **Area Agency on Aging Advisory**– No report.
- E. **West County Senior Coalition (WCSC)** – Ms. Jennifer Haller reported on a 50th anniversary for the Older American Act.
- F. **Health Care Subcommittee** – Dr. Pansy Kwong reported on review of weight loss programs.
- G. **Membership** – Ms. Shirley Cressey moved to nominate Ms. Margot Allen to the Committee on Aging when the next vacancy occurs. Dr. Pansy Kwong seconded the motion. **Action:** Approved unanimously.
- H. **Guest Speaker Subcommittee** – Ms. Nola Veganes Chavez and Mr. Mark Guthrie spoke about future talks on Dementia with Bruce Reed from VA Hospital and Compassion Choices.
 - Wednesday, May 27, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Center for Better Hearing Aids and California Telephone Access program.
 - Wednesday, June 10, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control.
 - Wednesday, July 22, 2015 1:15pm-2:15pm Road Scholars traveling program.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- SB 128 END OF LIFE

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 4:35PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15 , 2015, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

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