



Recreation Department Senior Services Division

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
OF

COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 3:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito, CA 94530

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ROLL CALL

Present: Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Mark Guthrie, Jennifer Haller, Janet James, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson, Kim Marlia, Karen Christian, Nola Veganes,

Excused: Joanna Kim Selby, Callie Major, Kimi Honda, Vera Gibbs Winston, and Margot Allen

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaisons: Chris Jones

Meeting called to order at 3:10 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of October 21, 2015 First Haller Second Kwong approved.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Janet Abelson spoke on the topics of:

- **New minimum wage:**

Minimum wage will set at \$15/hr in the state of California by 2019; State's first increase (\$10/hr) by in January. For the City of El Cerrito the increase has been planned out as follows: Starting July 1, 2016: \$11.60 per hour. As of January 1, 2017: \$12.25 per hour. As of January 1, 2018: \$13.60 per hour. As of January 1, 2019: \$15.00 per hour. Beginning January 1, 2020 and each year thereafter, the wage will increase based on changes in the local Consumer Price Index (CPI).

- **Transportation:**

Measure J is the name of the sales tax in El Cerrito that is used for road improvements, transportation for seniors and people with disabilities, etc. Councilmember Abelson also referred to a new modern age transportation hub she visited during the Focus on the Future Conference. Located on the 405 near Anaheim in Southern California, this hub was presented as the next step in transportation services.

Mr. Jones introduced himself and informed the council that he was in attendance due to Janet Bilbas being out for knee surgery. He also made the announcement that Willa Suddath had passed away the week previously. Committee asked if they could send a card to her family. One will be brought to the December meeting for all to sign.

Mr. Jones also did a recap of the Senior Resource Fair: 35 vendors were present, 4 of which were there the morning of to see if there would be any additional space or if another group didn't show up. Jennifer, Ken, and Steve remarked on the success of the event and brought up the topic of formal

feedback. Not everyone knew there was a form attendants and vendors filled out. For next year: is there a better method of feedback collection?

Committee members also highlight a handful of other pros of the event: that it was a completely free event for attendants, extremely well organized, and largely praised by people who were there. Steve said one of the participants told him that “it was much more helpful than expected”.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two guests from the public, Karen Pfiffer and Priscilla Camp, sat in on the meeting but weren't there for a specific reason.

4. REPORTS

A. Housing Subcommittee – No report.

B. Transportation Subcommittee – No report.

C. Legislative (State & Federal) – Mr. Mark Guthrie reported on two subjects:

a. Social Security and Medicare:

Mr. Guthrie talked about the proposed 52% proposed increase in Medicare cost with no cost adjustment. Additionally, there were proposed cuts for SSDI but that was highly unfavorable. 2016's budget is set but there is a sense of impending increase in the future for Social Security and Medicare.

D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory– No report.

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

F. Health Care Subcommittee – No report.

G. Membership – No report.

H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee – No report.

5. NEW BUSINESS- No new business.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: None were offered.

7. ADJOURNED REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING at 3:55PM to the next scheduled regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 3:00 P.M. at the El Cerrito City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

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