



## Meeting Minutes

### COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 3:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue

El Cerrito, CA 94530

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#### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Margot Allen, Katherine Cesa, Karen Christian, Kenneth Epley, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Janet James, Steve Lipson, Callie Major, Kim Marlia, Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganes Chavez

Members Absent: Shirley Cressey, Dr. Pansy Kwong

Staff Present: Janet Bilbas, Lori Teachout

Council Liaison: Mayor Janet Abelson

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Jennifer Haller noted that Dr. Pansy Kwong's name was misspelled in the minutes. Joanna Kim Selby motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Kimi Honda seconded the motion. Steve Lipson and Janet James abstained. The motion passed.

2. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

#### 3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

##### Mayor Abelson explained:

- a) El Cerrito's Centennial Events. There will be a number of events sponsored by the City and local community groups in celebration of the City's Centennial.
- b) Interviews for boards and commissions are ongoing
- c) Tradeway is being demolished to be replaced by Hana Gardens, a 63 unit low income senior housing development.

Janet Bilbas summarized events/presentations at the Senior Center and City:

- a) ClearCaptions gave a presentation of their product, which transcribes conversation onto a screen.
- b) Technology Tutoring: El Cerrito High School students have been giving one-on-one tutoring to seniors on their iphones and ipad. This has proven to be a very popular program.
- c) Travel Coaching: March 10, 2017, 10 a.m., Senior Center. This is an opportunity for seniors to learn how to use BART and the Emery-Go-Round bus.
- c) PickleBall Relish Tournament: June 10-11, 2017, El Cerrito High School tennis courts. Registration by May 22, 2017.
- d) El Cerrito Dynamo Golf Scramble, April 24, 2017, Mira Vista Country Club, 8 a.m.
- e) Lyft will be giving a presentation at the Senior Center, April 5, 2017, 1:15 p.m.
- f) Senior Driver Ombudsman Presentation and Question/Answer Program, April 26, 2017, 1:15p.m. Senior Center.
- g) Housing and Building in El Cerrito, March 1, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Senior Center, by Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Development Services Manager.

#### 4. REPORTS:

##### A. Housing Subcommittee:

Janet James reported that at Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor has a waitlist of about 300. HUD will be sponsoring a part-time nurse. On February 26, 2017, They will hold a health fair, staffed by Touro University of Vallejo nursing students

##### B. Transportation Subcommittee: None

##### C. Legislation (State & Federal): None

- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Joanna Kim Selby reported from the Advisory Council on Aging that according to the California Commission on Aging, California's elderly are among the least financially secure in the nation.
- E. West County Senior Coalition: No meeting.
- F. Health Care Subcommittee: Kimi Honda distributed articles about the new MD Urgent Care Facility, retrofit funds available to El Cerrito homes, and a study rating 400 El Cerrito residents' quality of life.
- G. Membership Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey and Kim Marlia there is one vacancy because of Mark Guthrie's resignation.
- H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Jennifer Haller explained how fortunate the Senior Center is to have the Lyft presentation. She said they agreed to come to the Senior Center even though they usually do not do that type of outreach.
- I. Technology: Kenneth Epley explained how with Android Pay and Samsung Pay he can use his phone for credit card transactions.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Steve Lipson will be researching the issue of benches in front of Lucky Supermarket, which the Senior Center used as bus stop for its paratransit services.
- 2. Janet Bilbas explained that should the Committee on Aging be interested in having a blog, it would be in conjunction with the City website.

## **6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Janet Bilbas explained that April will be the time for reorganization and reassignment of committees.

## **7. ADJOURN REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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