



Meeting Minutes

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 4:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

The meeting is called to order at 3:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Katherine Cesa, Shirley Cressey, Jennifer Haller, Kimi Honda, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson (Chair), Kim Marlia, and Nola Veganes Chavez

Members Absent: Margot Allen, Karen Christian, Kenneth Epley, Janet James, Callie Major, and Joanna Kim Selby

Councilmember Present: Mayor Janet Abelson

Staff Present: Janet Bilbas (Senior Center Supervisor)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes of May 10, 2017 meeting.

Katherine Cesa noted that her name was misspelled in three locations and the date for the next meeting was incorrect. Katherine Cesa moved to approve the minutes as amended. Shirley Cressey seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Dr. Pansy Kwong abstained.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Harold Schultz suggested that the City should talk to the School District about a month to month lease of the Senior Center building. Debbie Marshall asked who was in charge of finding the new location of the Senior Center. She suggested that the City look into Richmond Annex Senior Center, and she wants to be part of the solution.

3. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mayor Abelson wanted to thank everyone who attended meetings dealing with the senior center being evicted from its current location. The School Board has not contacted to City to discuss the matter, we are waiting to see if the school board will be placing it on the agenda for their June 28, 2017 meeting. Mayor Abelson would like to hear any and all ideas about relocating the Senior Center.

Janet Bilbas spoke about the high attendances at the Reverse Mortgages presentation on June 7, 2017, which was attended by about 35 people.

4. NEW BUSINESS

The West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education notification to vacate the Open House Senior Center from its current site was discussed during Council and Staff report.

5. REPORTS

(Reports by Members of the Committee. The Committee may discuss individual report topics and refer or schedule issues for future action. Each report is limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.)

A. Housing Subcommittee: Janet James, Margot Allen, Karen Christian-No report

B. Transportation Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley-No report

- C. Legislation (State & Federal): Pansy Kwong spoke about the State of California single-payer healthcare plan.
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: Joanna Kim Selby-No report
- E. West County Senior Coalition: Steve Lipson, Jennifer Haller, Katherine Cesa-discussed the closure, relocation, and/or sale of the Richmond Post Office located at 1025 Nevin Avenue. Jennifer Haller asked to be an alternative for the West County Senior Coalition.
- F. Health Care Subcommittee: Kimi Honda, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Steve Lipson
Dr. Pansy Kwong reported that per capita spending on prescription drugs in the U.S.A. is higher than in other industrialized nation, including Canada.
- G. Membership Subcommittee: Shirley Cressey and Kim Marlia-No report
- H. Guest Speaker Subcommittee: Jennifer Haller and Nola Veganes Chavez are planning to have a guest speaker presentation about balance and fall prevention. September is Fall Prevention month.
- I. Technology: Steve Lipson reported there is a student intern continuing the Eldertech Tutoring Program during the summer months.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Senior Center update

Senior Center issues: Creation of Subcommittee to Address Open House Senior Center Lease Loss

Discuss Community Action for a Sustainable El Cerrito (Help El Cerrito Protect the Climate!)

7. ADJOURN REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting adjourn at 4:25pm

The next Committee on Aging meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 3:00PM at City Hall, Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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