



Recreation Department

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MINUTES - DRAFT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Committee on Aging**

Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 3p.m.

City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Ave

This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

3 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Vice Chair Jennifer Haller called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Vice-Chair Jennifer Haller; Members Katherine Cesa, Shirley Cressey, Kenneth Epley, Carol Kehoe, Kim Marlia, Joanna Kim Selby, Nola Veganes Chavez

Absent: Matean “Te” Everson, Janet James, Steve Lipson, Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong

Also Present: Janet Abelson, Council Liaison; Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison; Mark Deleon, Staff (staff member Mark Deleon arrived at 3:15 p.m. and left at 4:30 p.m.)

- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Buddy Akacic expressed his concern for overcrowding based on new apartment buildings going up in the City. He encouraged the City to build aesthetically pleasing buildings.

- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Consider a motion of adopting the minutes of the Committee meeting on **June 19, 2019.**

Moved/Second: Member Kehoe/Member Cressey **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 19, 2019 COA meeting. **Ayes:** Unanimous **Nos:** None

- 4. COUNCIL/STAFF LIAISONS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

Council Liaison Janet Abelson reported that Council approved a ballot to extend Measure A which is to be used for swim center and park improvements in accordance with the Master Plan. Measure A will need a 2/3 majority to pass and will be on the November 2019 ballot.

Council Liaison Abelson reported that the Contra Costa Transportation Authority is in the draft phase of their 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan and are considering a measure for the March 2020 election.

Council Liaison Abelson reported that there is an increase in fire abatement citations in El Cerrito resulting in a higher than normal fire danger this year. PG&E warned City Council that in the event of a fire, power could be turned off for up to a week and that community members need to be prepared.

Staff Liaisons Cooney & Staff Member Deleon introduced EC Stars Intern, Anna Madrid, who is working with the Recreation Department overseeing the Elder Tech program for the summer. Staff Member Deleon and Intern Madrid will be promoting Adult Programs at Hana Gardens during National Night Out on Wednesday, August 6, 2019. Committee members interested in helping at this event were encouraged to contact Recreation Coordinator, Mark Deleon.

Staff Liaison Cooney reported that the Midtown Activity Center was hosting a WCCTAC Travel Training presentation on July 31, 2019 followed by a trip using the Richmond Ferry on August 8, 2019.

Staff Liaison Cooney also reported that the Senior Resource Fair would take place on October 2, 2019 at the El Cerrito Community Center and the City is soliciting vendors and volunteers for the event. Committee members interested in volunteering should contact Recreation Supervisor, Bridget Cooney.

Reports:

- A. Housing subcommittee: No Report
- B. Transportation subcommittee: Epley updated the committee on the outreach efforts being made to restore bus benches to AC Transit bus stops 55117 Northbound and 55506 Southbound on San Pablo Ave and Potrero. Council Liaison Abelson agreed to speak with City Manager Pinkos regarding the project and report back.
- C. Legislation subcommittee: Kehoe shared the State of California Executive Department Executive Order N-14-19 for the committee to review.
- D. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council: No Report
- E. West County Senior Coalition: No Report
- F. Health Care subcommittee: Cesa shared a brief summary of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health article "When cells reach their breaking point" dated June 25, 2019. Cesa submitted a snippet on the subject for a future 50+ newsletter. Veganés Chaves shared information from California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR) regarding California's assisted living waiver.
- G. Membership subcommittee: Cressey reported that former member Karen Christian resigned and an update regarding the status of member "Te" Everson is needed.
- H. Communication subcommittee: Vice Chair Haller encouraged committee members to continue submitting snippets on areas of interest.
- I. Technology subcommittee: No Report
- J. Disabilities subcommittee: Kehoe reported that she had reached out to Mobility Matters to present at a future committee meeting on what we can do to help seniors be more mobile.

5. **OHLONE-SAFEWAY PATH FIELD REVIEW MEETING FOLLOW-UP**
Chair Dr. Kwong, member Cressey and Council Liaison Abelson indicated an interest in attending the joint meeting of the Committee on Aging, Park & Rec Commission and ADA Advisory Group for Filed Review of Ohlone-Safeway Path scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 3:30-4:30pm meeting at the Ohlone-Safeway area.
6. **FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WORK PLAN and 2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
Verbage, accomplishments and goals were discussed. A draft of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Work Plan and 2018-2019 Accomplishments will be present for approval at the August 21, 2019 meeting.
7. **Future Agenda Items -**
 - Work Plan Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and 2018-2019 Accomplishments
 - Ohlone-Safeway Path Field Review Report
 - Mobility Matters presentation
8. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Jennifer Haller, Vice Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Committee on Aging meeting of July 17, 2019 as approved by the Committee on Aging.

Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison