



**Recreation Department**

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**MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON AGING**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**

City of El Cerrito Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Ave  
El Cerrito, Ca 94530

**This meeting place is wheelchair accessible.**

**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cesa called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Katherine Cesa, Vice Chair Dr. Pansy Kwong; Members: Buddy Akacic, Janet James, Carol Kehoe, Steve Lipson, Pamela Wagner, Bruce Yow

**Absent:** Kenneth Epley, Kim Marlia

**Also Present:** Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison

**Members from the Public:** Marva Phillips, Linda Cain (arrived at 3:55pm)

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Public Comment not on the agenda received from Cordell Hindler included in the supplemental materials.*

*Marva Phillips and Linda Cain introduced themselves to the Committee on Aging.*

**3. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Member Akacic announced that the Senior Programs at St. John's on Tuesdays from 9am-3pm are going well. Committee on Aging Members are invited and encouraged to attend.*

*Member Kehoe announced that the Area Council on Aging (ACOA) offers workshops for seniors on Durable Power of Attorney and that she would help coordinate one in El Cerrito at the Community Center.*

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

*Staff Liaison Cooney provided an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival and opportunities for committee members to table at the event.*

*Staff Liaison Cooney provided an update on senior program locations for the summer.*

**5. COMMITTEE ON AGING LIAISON REPORTS**

*Member Kehoe reported attendance at the West County Senior Coalition meeting in May. Member Kehoe reported that the Guardian Day Program in El Sobrante, run by the Center of Elders Independence (CEI) has closed. Member Kehoe reported that Janet Bilbas with WCCTAC is providing travel training this summer.*

*Member Kehoe and Member Lipson reported attendance at the Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) meeting on June 21, 2023. Member Kehoe reported on a presentation by the transportation committee on experiences and challenges that blind users had while using public transportation. Member Kehoe reported that June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Member Lipson reported an updated on Brown Act legislation.*

Member James reported that Eskaton Hazel Shirley Manor will celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary soon with a party for residents.

Member James reported that Hana Gardens hired a new property manager.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Moved/Second:** Member Kehoe Moved/Vice Chair Dr. Kwong Second

**Action:** Adopted the minutes from the Committee on Aging meeting held on May 17, 2023.

**Ayes:** Chair Cesa, Vice Chair Dr. Kwong, Member Akacic, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

#### 7. WORK PLAN REPORTS

Staff Liaison Cooney provided an update on quarter two Centenarian Recognition.

Committee on Aging Outreach Newsletter review and possible motion to publish.

**Moved/Second:** Member Kehoe Moved/Member Wagner Second

**Action:** Adopted the July/August/September Committee on Aging Outreach Newsletter for distribution.

**Ayes:** Chair Cesa, Vice Chair Dr. Kwong, Member Akacic, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

Discussion and possible motion to send a recommendation based on the Committee on Aging Survey to the City Council.

**Moved/Second:** Member James Moved/Member Lipson Second

**Action:** Adopted a recommendation to the City Council to share the results from the Committee on Aging Survey, as well as recommend continued support for senior programs and services and a continued commitment by the City Council to seek funding and space for a senior center in El Cerrito.

**Ayes:** Chair Cesa, Vice Chair Dr. Kwong, Member Akacic, Member James, Member Kehoe, Member Lipson, Member Wagner, Member Yow

**Nos:** None

**Abstention:** None

#### 8. WORK PLAN DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and possible motion to adopt the Committee on Aging Work Plan 2022-2023 Accomplishments and 2023-24 Work Plan Goals.

Committee members discussed focusing goal setting on Senior Education for 2023-2024. Work Plan Discussion will be continued at the July 19, 2023, meeting.


#### 9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

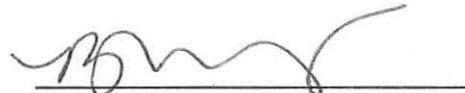
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers
- Continued discussion and goal setting for the 2023-24 Work Plan (July)
- Invite city staff to talk about the San Pablo Specific Plan (September)
- Adopt Annual Committee on Aging Meeting Calendar 2023 (November)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Cesa adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Committee on Aging meeting of June 21, 2023, as approved by the Committee on Aging.

  
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Katherine Cesa, Chair

  
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Bridget Cooney, Staff Liaison