



# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Recreation Department – Senior Services Division

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 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, Mark Guthrie, Kimi Honda, Dr. Pansy Kwong, Callie Major, and Willa Sudduth

**Excused:** Elizabeth Carty, Lillian Daniels, and Janet James

**Council Liaison:** Janet Abelson (Excused)

**Staff:** Ellen Paasch and Liza Espadilla

**Guests:** Shaun Charles, Joanna Kim-Selby and Vera Winston

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

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2011. **Action:** Moved, seconded (Cressey/Sudduth) and carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

#### 2. Public Comment

Ms. Paasch announced that Councilwoman Abelson is attending a meeting in Sacramento and will not be able to attend the Committee on Aging meeting.

#### 3. Reports

A. **Council Liaison Report.** No report.

B. **Senior Center Update.** No report.

##### C. Housing Subcommittee

Ms. Paasch reported that a list of low-cost housing from Casa de Vita San Francisco, Bishop Roy Nichols Senior Housing and Sylvester Rutledge Manor is available at the Open House Senior Center.

##### D. Transportation Sub-Committee

Mr. Guthrie reported attending the West Contra Costa Coalition meeting. He shared that the Richmond Paratransit is looking into obtaining funding for a flat rate taxi script service through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). A discussion followed on Richmond Paratransit contracting taxi script service through private companies.

Ms. Cressey reported that clipper card will replace the current BART ticket system. She announced that a Clipper Card Workshop will be held at the Open House Senior Center on Wed., Nov. 23, 2012 from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. and at the El Cerrito Del Norte BART on Thurs., Nov. 17, 2012 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. She noted that there will be only 9 locations available to purchase the clipper card.

Ms. Paasch introduced and thanked Mr. Shaun Charles for working temporarily as Director of the Alzheimer's Respite Program at the Open House Senior Center during the summer.

**E. Legislative (State & Federal).** No report.

Mr. Guthrie shared that the California state budget cuts affected senior services heavily, especially In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS). He added that a Super Committee is formed to oversee the federal budget cuts. He reported that 40% of the California revenue comes from the federal budget.

**F. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council**

No report.

**G. West County Senior Coalition**

Ms. Cressey announced that Shields Senior Center is distributing warm coats for children on Sat., Dec. 3, 2012 from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M as part of "Coats for Kids" annual program. She also shared that HICAP is presenting "One-Stop Shopping Medicare" workshop at the Richmond Library on Tues., Nov. 22, 2011 from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

**H. Health Care Sub-Committee.** No report.

**I. Membership.** No report.

**J. Bylaws.** No report

**4. Old Business**

**A. Letter of Support on SB 810**

Ms. Major reported that the Letter of Support on SB 810 is drafted and ready to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

**B. Post Office Left Hand Mail Collection Box**

Dr. Kwong reported that the Post Office is concerned with the people's safety and the location of the left-hand collection box at the proposed site at Kearney and Fairmount Avenue.

**C. Open House Senior Center Survey**

Ms. Paasch reported updates on the survey taken from the participants using programs and services at the Open House Senior Center.

**5. New Business**

**A. Nominating Committee**

Nominating Committee members (Kwong/Cressey/Major) will present the Slate of Officers on the next regular meeting in January 16, 2012.

**B. Eden Housing Feedback**

Ms. Paasch shared that 30 people attended the Eden Housing Committee Meeting & Workshop at the Open House Senior Center on Mon., Nov. 4, 2011, from 11 A.M. to 12 P.M. Eden Housing is selected to build a new affordable senior housing at the Tradeway site, 10848-10860 San Pablo Avenue.

**6. Staff Liaison Report.** No report.

**7. Items for Next Agenda**

- Nomination & Election of Officers

- Subcommittee Assignments

**8. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

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