



Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Wednesday, April 5, 2023
Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Gunst called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. The meeting was held in person. 10:13am

2. Roll Call

Present: Lenore Gunst, Blake Spears, Patricia Osage, Tydia Hill, Ristina Ingram, Suzi Kalmus

Absent: Asha Beene-Clarke, Dianna Garrett, Jennifer Seibert

Absent Excused:

Late:

A quorum was established.

Staff: Scott Means (Aging & Adult Services Manager), Marshay Boyd (Administrative Assistant)

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved no modifications.

Motion: Blake Spears/Tydia Hill/Motion carried unanimously

4. Approval of minutes: March 1, 2023

Due to not having a quorum, we could not do a motion for this item. Commissioner Hill and Kalmus agreed to watch the March 2023 meeting, and report back for our May 2023 meeting so we can do a motion to approve the March 2023 minutes.

5. Public Forum (*Limit to 2 minutes*)

No Speakers at this time. Chair Gunst welcomed all attendees to the podium to introduce themselves to the Commission.

6. Retreat Follow up

-Livable Oakland Work Plans

Chair Gunst opened this with a brief overview of our March 2023 retreat meeting. She explained that the notes from the retreat meeting were attached to the packets. Chair Gunst and Scott Means split the 4 domains (Scott, housing and health, Chair Gunst Open Spaces, and communications)

giving us an update on each domain and the work they are currently working on.

7. Age-Friendly Report: Communications Stakeholders Meeting

Chair Gunst visited this topic with confirming that the information we received about the Communications group in line item 6, was suffice enough to cover this line item. Communications group had a meeting with councilmember Kevin Jenkins that went very well, he is on board to support.

8. Older American Month Event, *Scott Means*

Scott Means gave wonderful updates on the progress the OAM planning team have made with this event that will be happening on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 10am-2pm. He showed the t-shirts and umbrellas that will be given out to the public, as well as gave updates on the final lunch decision. We are encouraging all seniors to come out to this event to have a good time, this event will be fully in person.

9. HSD Aging & Adult Services Update, *Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager*

Scott Means spoke about the freeze on hiring the City of Oakland is experiencing, he supplied a little background to why it's happening, and how they plan on working around it. Senior Services Program Analyst position and outreach developer position are all moving forward with recruitment. Support staff at senior centers changed classification to do both program work and support work, they are looking to fill those positions soon. Tracy Jensen will be leaving the City of Oakland, she's staying through the Older Americans Month event, and will be departing working with the City of Oakland after.

OPED: Program is open and continues to serve the community.

MSSP: Seniors are still opting into televisits, will continue to maintain cases with porch visits until they're comfortable letting people into their homes again.

SCP/FGP: The program is staffed by 1.5 FTEs. The program will continue to sufficiently serve the community while in the recruitment process.

ASSETS: We are hiring! If you know any older adults (strong need for bilingual) who would like to participate, send them our way. The senior aide TPT positions are minimum wage \$14.36/hour at 20hrs/week. There are also employment opportunities for Physical Fitness Instructors to apply as Recreation Specialists that will service the senior centers.

SENIOR CENTERS: Senior Centers continue to provide critical services that includes food distribution, membership registration and virtual/limited-indoor programming. Have upcoming events to RSVP for any upcoming events, presentations, or classes go to MyActiveCenter.com or call (510) 238-3284 M-F 9am-3pm. We have activities at all our centers. Introducing new Senior Center newsletter. A membership into an Oakland Senior Center is not a key into the city, but a membership into a community. Working on making our Senior Centers a community benefit, improving seniors experience.

10. Announcements

Marshay Boyd talked about a virtual open house UC Davis The Good Life is hosting on April 19th

10am-11am, flyer was handed out.

Chair Lenore mentioned the goals for the commissioners within the next 2 weeks is to have a meeting with councilmembers to talk about the Livable Oakland work plans and budget asks.

11. Closing Remarks and Adjourn *Chair Lenore Gunst*

Motion: Patricia Osage/ Suzi Kalmus/Motion carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned 10:53 am.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 10 a.m. in person at City Hall hearing room 1.