



Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021

SPECIAL MEETING

Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bryan Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Bryan Ricks, Martha Scott, Michael Coleman, Diana Garrett, Tomye Neal Madison, Shannon McDonnell, Jacqueline Phillips, Jennifer Seibert

Absent: Cheryl Moore, Asha Beene-Clarke

Excused Absent:

A quorum was established.

Staff: Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager, Hayde Mazariego, Senior Services Program Assistant

3. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved no modifications.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The August 4, 2021 minutes were approved with no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Jacqueline Phillips/Michael Coleman/Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Forum

There were no public comments.

6. Enhancing Older Adults' Mobility in Active Living and Tiered Living Communities- Project Team Yongping Zhang, Wen Cheng, Carol Kachadoorian

Yongping started the presentation with introduction to team. They all provided a presentation on reviewing the walking and bicycling facilities and policies in older adult communities between now and mid-June 2022 (see attached presentation slides). Chair Ricks sums up project to how people live relative to having access to what they need on a daily basis. Commissioner Garrett suggested the study is skewed to begin with, being the locations they have selected already have access to the lake and they should consider focusing on locations with little to no access to safe outside exercise such as East and West Oakland with them having no bike lanes. Commissioner Scott suggested Mercy Retire center.

Commissioner Seibert recommends three (3) communities on the East side. Commissioner Seibert asked would it be helpful if they share the Bay Area 230/240/250 with their project. Commissioner McDonnell asked Chair Ricks if there are other academic studies being done and if there is a way to pile the data.

7. Home Sharing: Meeting Senior Social needs and Creating Affordable Housing- Founder, *Jill Lindenbaum*

Jill Lindenbaum, Founder, Roomily provided a presentation on the home sharing program Roomily within the Bay Area. Focusing on affordable housing solutions for seniors and tackling some pressing issues (see attached presentation slides). Commissioner Scott asked if it was possible to build in a component of having a social worker to occasionally check in to maintain a healthy relationship. Jill stated she is interested in programs in that area. The organization wants to connect with people who are interested in focusing on housing needs. Commissioner Garrett suggested that the organization advocate on understanding lodger law, as it is the key to being successful based on previous shared living experience. Audience member Howard Kirsch suggested Ashby North Oakland Village would be an interested party.

8. Age-Friendly Report

Chair Ricks provided an update that they're in the process of preparing for the 1st stakeholder meeting built around the health and wellness initiative. He provided an overview of the two (2) primary things they will be looking at which are Geriatrics and Food Security. Livable Oakland Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Please email MCOA@oaklandca.gov if you are interested in becoming a stakeholder.

9. City of Oakland 2021-2023 Policy Budget - *Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager*

Will have printed material for next meeting October 6 ,2021. All the budgeted amount of money that go out to partner agencies were approved at the same amount, or increased. If the commission is interested in hearing a report from the agencies Scott can have them attend. SOS MOW funding was doubled. In the process of hiring additional staff. Suggests having a conversation in next meeting October 6, 2021 in terms of what the commission is trying to fund out of the sugar sweetened beverage funds. Commissioner McDonnell asked if she can be apart of the conversations with the staffing at the WOSC. Commissioner Neal Madison asked if the supervisor in place is being assisted by staffing.

10. Oakland Redistricting Public Hearing Schedule for Adopting New District Maps

Chair Ricks opened the conversation about information regarding the Oakland Redistricting Commission public hearing schedule for adopting new district maps. Commissioners Coleman and Seibert attended the August 11th meeting. Commissioner Seibert reported that the redistricting will be based on census data, and the information is being analyzed and the proposed redistricting structure will be announced in October. Commissioner Seibert stated in their plan they have scheduled several outreach sessions to the communities, also in the current structure of the district were to allow each of the councilmembers to have some visibility and represent some of the hill areas as well as below 580. If that same language is adopted in the new redistricting, it may shift some of where the councilmembers are drawn but they will still share the areas. Commissioner Coleman stated there's been no talk about seniors, redistricting need to be concerned about seniors. Chair Ricks stated there's another meeting coming up on September 8th, 2021 Commissioner Seibert and Coleman confirmed it will be a repeat of the August 11th meeting. Chair Ricks stated he's curious of how they will use the census data. Commissioner Seibert stated that she doesn't recall if that was mentioned, feels it's to premature to determine. Commissioner Seibert stated

once it becomes closer to a reality there should be more opportunity to weigh in.

11. HSD Aging & Adult Services/COVID-19 update - *Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager*

Scott provided a short presentation on how to engage with the city council meetings, encouraging people to be engaged with public officials. To find the information visit Oaklandca.gov/departments/Oakland-city-council click button to watch KTOP. Will have all the city council meetings information, as well as being able to submit your online speaker cards. Scott talks about how great the custodial staff are, the work that they do, and how vital it is to the Senior Centers. Commissioner Garrett requests names and addresses of the four custodial staff. Commissioner Neal Madison asked if they're only 4 custodian staff, does that mean there is a lapse in time of custodians not being available. Scott responds messes happen earlier in day when custodians are more available, leaving only the last few hours of the day to be without a custodian, and working on plan to get more custodians back.

OPED: Program is open and continues to serve the community. They are working to expedite the Taxi Script Service and launching the Go-Go Grandparent Platform that will provide Uber and Lift rides to seniors.

MSSP: In process of hiring additional staff to increase service level in the community.

SCP/FGP: The SCP/FGP Senior Services Program Assistant retired after 16 years of service. Have exhausted the list of budget full time position, so going to do whole new recruitment causing delays. Scott suggested changing title to Senior Service Program Specialist. The program is staffed by 1.5 FTEs. The program will continue to sufficiently serve the community while in the recruitment process.

ASSETS: Actively recruiting and bringing back additional staff to support critical senior services. 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: Extended the senior center recruitment by another week. There is a 75% vacancy rate. Despite this, the Senior Centers continue to provide critical services that includes food distribution, membership registration and virtual/limited-indoor programming. Center staff are in the process of revising the Advisory Bylaws and Master Fee Schedule to present to the commission at a later date. 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.

12. Announcements

Free COVID testing is available at the following locations:

- East Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31207>
Date/Time: Tuesdays | 8:00am -2:00pm
- Downtown Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 200 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31197>
Date/Time: Thursdays | 8:00am -2:00pm

13. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Commissioner Scott mention round table on housing. Chair Ricks confirmed that it's next week

Wednesday & Thursday September 8th & 9th.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.