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Mayor's Commission on Aging

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Hearing Room One
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Oakland, Ca. 94612

Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Stadmire

2. Roll Call

Quorum Met (See Exhibit A).

3. Approval of minutes

November 1, 2017 minutes were approved.

4. Agenda Modification and Approval:

* Agenda item #6 (Oakland Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Community Center) was moved to the March 7, 2018 meeting.

* Agenda item #7 (Family of Choice Homecare) was tabled due to illness.

5. Public Comments: NONE

6. Chairperson Stadmire presented tokens of appreciation to Scott Means and Maurine Watkins on behalf of the Commissioners.

7. Announcements and updates for Human Services Department;

Scott Means, Manager

* Commissioner Irene Yen is resigning due to changes in her job position. The resignation is effective immediately. Scott is now recruiting for a new Commissioner

* The Director of the West Oakland Senior Center, Dorothy Poston, is retiring after Friday, Jan 5th. Scott would like to bring in someone who will carry on the atmosphere and economy, she created at the Center. He is bringing in the top 2 candidates who interviewed for the East Oakland Senior Center director's position. They will meet with the Advisory Committee to ensure a good fit for the Center.

* Scott contacted Valerie Coleman, Urban and Regional Planner for San Francisco. Ms. Coleman is working on the “Age Friendly Cities” initiative for San Francisco. Scott would like the Commission to work with her in our efforts to make Oakland an “Age Friendly City”. Also, she could help in the creation of the Council Report.

Commissioners Bryon Ricks and Martha Scott volunteered to work with Ms. Coleman and Scott. (Communication will be conducted using email and conference calls, as Ms. Coleman is in disposed). Scott stated that it is important to engage with the elected officials now because it is an election year.

* Older Americans Month is May 2nd. The national theme is “Engage at Every Age”. Scott stated that San Diego County has an initiative for Age Friendly Cities which emphasizes being intergenerational. Scott will research their initiative and report back during the retreat in February.

* The Commissioners must report lunch as a gift on their 700 form if the lunch is separate from the regular meeting.

* It was decided that the retreat will be held at the West Oakland Senior Center on February 7th. The following people were recommended for involvement:

- **Valerie Coleman**, Urban Regional Planner for San Francisco
- **Wendy Peterson**, Senior Services Coalition for Alameda County
- **Thomas Gregory**, Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- **Arnold Perkins**, for moderator
- **Lenore McDonald**, Center for Elders Independence
- Someone from American Association of Retired Persons (**AARP**)
- **Antoinette Warren**, Renew Magazine

Scott and Chairperson Stadmire will decide on the agenda items for the Retreat

8. Commissioner Bryan Ricks gave an update on the Senior Health Policy Forum that he attended in December. He stated, currently, Fremont, Marin and San Francisco are pursuing Age-Friendly-Cities initiatives. Commissioner Ricks recommended that the Commission utilize the standards and policies that these cities have already developed. Their standards provide a blueprint for moving things forward in Oakland. The title of the initiatives has changed from “Age Friendly Cities” to “Livable Communities”.

9. Report/Announcements; *Commissioners*

* **Commissioner Stadmire:**

* Attended the following events in December:

- “Mind(fully) Mental Health Forum at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center
- “Making the Difference: Systems Change to Social Movement” hosted by Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County
- Christmas Caroling with Antoinette Warren at Mercy
- Shared Christmas dinners with the homeless

* Antoinette Warren of Renew Magazine would like to collaborate with the Commission in recognizing veterans on the 100th anniversary of World War I

* Chairperson Stadmire reminded the Commissioners to visit their assigned Senior Centers

* **Commissioner Sandra J. Johnson:**

- Attended the Advisory Board meeting for the North Oakland Senior Center. Commissioner Johnson complimented the Board on the work they're doing.

* **Commissioner Johnnie Mae Wiley:**

- Announced the repast for Ellen Parkinson will be held on January 6th at the West Oakland Senior Center

* **Chairperson Stadmire** asked if anyone was interested in being Vice-Chairperson (this position will lead to becoming Chairperson when she steps down in September). Commissioner Sandra Johnson expressed interest. Commissioner Bryan Ricks needs to examine his workload before he makes a commitment. The Commission will vote on the vice-chair position at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

