

Mayor's Commission on Aging
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Mayor's Commission on Aging

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 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 10:09 a.m. by Chairperson Stadmire

2. Roll Call

Quorum Met (See Exhibit A).

3. Approval of minutes

May 3, 2017 minutes were approved.

4. Agenda Modification and Approval

5. Public Comments:

Ms. Gwen Jackson asked for suggestions and/or funding to acquire a port-a-potty. She is part of a group of Seniors who offer summer outreach to children at Nicol park in Oakland. The group needs volunteers to carry on their program. Lao Family Community Development has offered to provide volunteers, however, they stipulate that the volunteers not leave the premises. Chairperson Stadmire stated that Scott Means would contact Ms. Jackson about some possibilities to acquire the port-a-potty.

6. Garden to Grandparents; *Suzette, A. E. Chaumette, MPH, Chaumette Consulting*

Ms. Chaumette gave a presentation on an East Oakland pilot program named "Gardens to Grandparents" (GDG) that uses gardening as a vehicle for connecting Seniors with youth, food and their surrounding communities. In collaboration with Northern Light School, this program aims to fill the gap for Seniors who don't meet the health requirement for home delivered meals or do not attend Senior Centers. It makes local fruit and vegetables more accessible to Seniors within the neighborhood.

Contact information for Ms. Chaumette:

Website: www.chaumetteconsulting.com

Phone: 510.735.6453

(See Exhibit B for PowerPoint presentation).

7. West Oakland Senior Center; Dorothy Poston, Director

Ms. Dorothy Poston presented background and highlights of activities happening at the West Oakland Senior Center. They included:

- There are approximately 500 members.
- 150 – 200 frequent the Center.
- She is considering extending the hours of operation (to accommodate members working during days).
- This is the Center's 20th year anniversary. They are planning a weeklong celebration in September.

The Center is always looking for ways to improve the quality of life for Seniors.

8. Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County; Wendy Peterson, Director

Ms. Peterson gave a presentation on State and Federal budget policies and the effect on Seniors. Ms. Peterson's presentation included information on the following subjects:

- Background on the Federal Budget
- 2017 Federal Budget
- The President's 2018 Budget
- Local Impact
- The California Budget Process
- The Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County's Summer Action Plan

Contact information for Ms. Peterson:

Email: www.seniroservicescoalition.org

Phone: 510.332.4669

(See Exhibit C for PowerPoint presentation).

9. Announcements and updates for Human Services Department;

Scott Means, Manager

* The City of Oakland is in the 2-year budget process. Currently, there are no cuts to any of the Senior programs. The ASSETS program is being funded and will continue as a city-run program. The program will be able to place up to 25 Seniors.

* The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 13th at 5:30. Scott encourages people to attend to comment on the budget process and advocate for Seniors.
CORRECTION: Monday, June 12th (this meeting was canceled)

* Capital Improvement recommendations in the budget do not include work for any of the Senior Centers.

* Applications are being accepted to serve on the Police Commission. This Commission will oversee the Oakland Police Department. The deadline is June 30, 2017. The application can be downloaded at:

www2.oaklandnet.com/policecommission

(Paper versions of the application can be obtained at City Hall)

- * A Health Fair is being hosted by Brown & Toland Physicians on
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and
Thursday, June 15, 2017 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Location:
Samuel Merritt University
400 Hawthorne St.
Health Education Center, Bechtel Room
Oakland, Ca.
- * Recruitment for Director of the East Oakland Senior Center is on-going. The deadline for application has been extended to June 23, 2017. The application is available on the City of Oakland's website:
www.oaklandnet.com
- * Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED) group trip program has been authorized for another year.
- * Scott recommended viewing the documentary on HBO "If You're not in the Obituary Eat Breakfast". It gives an interesting perspective on the aging process.
- * Scott visited Saturn Park to evaluate it as a potential space for a Senior Playground.
- * Older Americans Month was a success. It was well attended by both participants and Community Based Organizations. Suggestions for improvement included:
 - Provide more shaded area
 - Better process for distribution of lunches
 - The Commission should have a table
 The Center for Elders Independence (CEI) has offered to help in putting on the event next year.

10. Report/Announcements; *Commissioners*

- * Commissioner Maddie Scott announced a meeting (being held at Oakland Tech at 6:00 tomorrow) concerning the moving of a Post Office near the Piedmont Gardens area. She asked if the Commission could weigh in of this issue, as a post office is needed in this neighborhood.
- * Feedback on Commissioner visits to the Senior Centers:
 - Commissioner Michael Coleman (West Oakland Senior Center)**
 - More grocery stores are needed
 - More social workers providing information and referrals are needed
 - Provide more shade at the Older Americans Month event
 - Get local people to fix up empty properties for the homeless
 - Want council member McElhaney to attend their next meeting

Commissioner Mickey Hall (Fruitvale-San Antonio Senior Center)

- The Center is thriving
- Offers lunch, income-tax services, has a full community room
- Well attended
- They would like to present at a Commission meeting

Commissioner Bryan Ricks (East Oakland Senior Center)

- Bryan will meet with their advisory committee to follow-up on some things requested

Commissioner Johnnie Mae Wiley (North Oakland Senior Center)

- Need Advisory Board Members
- Commissioner Wiley will try to join their Board
- The Center held a flea market last Saturday
- An attorney will be available starting on the third Wednesday in June. Appointments must be made in advance.

Chairperson Stadmire reiterated the purpose of visiting various Centers is to keep the Commission involved and to identify areas where the Commission can be of assistance.

The assignments for the next 6 months are:

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| East Oakland Senior Center | - Joyce Bowden |
| North Oakland Senior Center | - Sandra J. Johnson Simon |
| Downtown Oakland Senior Center | - Jacqueline Phillips |
| West Oakland Senior Center | - Blake Spears |
| Fruitvale-San Antonio Senior Center | - Mattie Scott |

* The Commission voted to take a summer recess in the month of August.

* Commissioner Sandra J. Johnson Simon:

- Attended the Renew Magazine's Aging celebration.
- Attended the United Seniors of Alameda County 6th Annual Convention in Hayward.
- California Alliance for Retired Americans held their Senior Rally Day in Sacramento in May.
- "Save the Date", September 26 -27 for the California Alliance for Retired Americans 14th annual convention. It will be held at the Hilton Arden West Sacramento.

For more information, contact Sandra J. Simon: sandrajsimon@aol.com

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10: 14 a.m.

Exhibit B:

Gardens to Grandparents (G2G)



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Exhibit C:

Federal and State Policy Developments



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