



Senior Citizens Commission Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2009
2:30 p.m.
Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street

Commissioners Present: Elaine Musser – Chair, Liz Fisher, Mariana Henwood, Stephen Hayes Shula Blumenthal, Marianna Henwood, and Janice Bridge

Commissioners Absent: Romeo Favreau – Vice Chair, Tansey Thomas , Kitty Liebhardt

City Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald, Lamar Heystek

Staff: Danielle Foster, Housing & Human Services Superintendent
Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent
Robert Weir, Public Works Director
Susan Gedestad, Assistant Public Works Director
Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor
Alisa Fisher, Community Services Coordinator

The meeting was opened at 2:31 p.m. by Chair E. Musser.

1. Appointment of new Commissioner and Approval of Agenda

Janice Bridge (Alternate) was Sworn in as new Senior Citizens Commissioner and approval of the agenda was moved and approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for November 13, 2008 was moved by S. Blumenthal, seconded by S. Hayes and passed with the following revision: Under heading “Public Communication” add “Yolo County” preceding Ombudsman.

3. Public Communications/Comments

Councilmember Lamar Heystek, Alternate Liaison to the Senior Citizens Commission, stated he would make every effort to attend future meetings. E. Musser reported that George Hinkle was recovering from injury. E. Musser also reported that a Transit Mobility Training would take place at the West Sacramento Senior Center on January 12, 2009 at 10 a.m. and that due to different funding sources, a Davis Transit Mobility Training had yet to be scheduled.

4. Unfinished Business

Due to scheduling conflict, discussion Item B preceded A.

A. Continued Discussion on Senior & Special Needs Housing Project Guidelines

The Commission received an update on Housing Project Guidelines for Seniors & Special Needs populations by Staff Danielle Foster, Housing & Human Services Superintendent, and made additional changes to the guidelines. (See Attached) The Commission requested an opportunity to review the guidelines again once the ADA Subcommittee of the Social Services Committee and the Social Services Committee has reviewed them.

B. Continued Discussion of Water/Sewer rate increases

The Commission received report on the City's proposed water/sewer rates from the Public Works Department Staff Robert Weir, Public Works Director, and Susan Gedestad, Assistant Public Works Director. R. Weir stated updates to the waste water treatment plant were needed per state requirements. Councilmember S. Greenwald commented the rate increases would adversely affect seniors. Staff S. Gedestad suggested residents schedule appointments for a water audit as a way to determine if some rate increases are due to pipe leaks. She will submit the information to senior center staff for posting in the February Senior Scene.

C. Review of FY 08-09 Goals & Objectives for Senior Citizen Commission

The Commission postponed the mid-year review of its key policy initiatives and timelines for their Goals/Work Plan for fiscal year 2008-2009 to February meeting.

5. New Business

A. Review and Discussion on Critical Needs List for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) process.

The Commission reviewed the Critical Needs List that is being proposed for the upcoming CDBG grant process. L. Fisher recommended that ENP receive emphasis. E. Musser stated Licenses would no longer be issued to Adult Day Health Center and commented that preventive care is critical.

B. Appoint a liaison representative to the California Senior Legislature for 2009

The Commission postponed appointment to the California Senior Legislature to February 2009 meeting.

C. Authorize Expenditure from the Ben & Victoria Williams Trust Fund for Fitness Related Equipment

The Commission granted a request for disbursement of \$200 from the Williams Trust Fund to assist in the purchase of fitness related equipment at the Senior Center. Motion was moved by M. Henwood, seconded by L. Fisher and passed unanimously.

6. Commission Announcements/Comments

- A. Mariana Henwood, Representative to the Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services-None
- B. Liz Fisher, Representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee-None
- C. Kitty Liebhardt, Representative to the Social Services Commission/ADA Sub-committee-None
- D. Shula Blumenthal, Liaison to the Climate Action Team-Will discuss future forum in February.
- E. Maria Lucchesi, Representative to the Yolo County Focal Point Coordinating Council – Next meeting to be held in February 2009 hosted by the City of West Sacramento.

7. City Council Liaison/Staff Comments

- A. City Council Liaison Update-S. Greenwald discussed City budget.
- B. Staff Comments- Community Services Superintendent Christine Helweg expanded on budget concerns.
- C. Contained in report.
- D. Upcoming Events & Activities.

8. Written Communications

None

9. Future Agenda Items/Review of Long Range Calendar

- Determine meeting location, date & agenda for next off-site Commission meeting
- Staff networking and professional development

10. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. by consensus.

Next Meeting date: Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor

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