



**Senior Citizens Commission Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 8, 2009**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**Davis Senior Center, Multipurpose Room #1**  
**646 A Street**

Commissioners: Elaine Musser (Chair), Romeo Favreau (Vice Chair), Shula Blumenthal, Steve Hayes, Mariana Henwood, Tansey Thomas, George Hinkle (Alternate) and Janice Bridge (Alternate)

Absent: Kitty Liebhardt

City Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald

Staff: Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor

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**1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

Meeting was called to order at 2:30p.m. Approval of the Agenda was moved and approved by consensus.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the Minutes for September 10, 2009, with correction to remove word "last" from final sentence from item 7A was moved by J.Bridge, seconded by M. Henwood and approved by consensus.

**3. Public Communications/Comments**

Carlton Plaza developer Dan Engle gave a presentation detailing an assisted living facility he would like to build in Davis. Mr. Engle has submitted the building application. Commission Chair E. Musser asked staff if it would be appropriate for Commissioners to receive a formal presentation by Don Engle as well as schedule a visit by the Commission to the Carlton facility in Sacramento. Chair E. Musser also inquired if the Commission could schedule a visit to the Eskaton universal design demonstration home in Roseville. Staff will consult with City Attorney and report back to Commission. Chair E. Musser motioned that the Senior Commission schedule a presentation by Carlton Plaza pending City approval. Motion was seconded by R. Favreau and passed. Commissioners J. Bridge and S. Blumenthal abstained. Commissioner S. Blumenthal asked as member of the public where she could receive more information regarding Measure P. Staff will provide resources for more information. Commission Chair E. Musser noted that a recent Davis Enterprise article stated grant money was received for Transit Mobility Training but was unsure if this article was dated or if this is new money. Chair E. Musser asked that it be further researched and be added to November's agenda. City Council Liaison S. Greenwald inquired what percentage of Unitrans funding comes from City and asked that Unitrans funding be added to November agenda.

**4. Old Business**

**A. Final Discussion of Transportation Safety Program**

The Commission finalized discussion on a presentation titled "When Should Someone Give up the Keys to the Car," which will take place Thursday, October 15 at 1:00p.m. at the senior center. The program will include two videos by CA Highway Patrol and a candid discussion by Commissioners who will share firsthand knowledge of the problems with driving that aging can cause.

**B. Discussion of Senior Discount Card**

Commissioner T. Thomas discussed the “Living Cheaply” Wiki page as means to access information on local senior discounts. T. Thomas will contact Kemble Pope, member of the public, who offered to share information on set up of a senior portal. T. Thomas will update Commission as she continues to research the feasibility of this project.

**C. Commission Work Plan/Highlights Review**

Commission subcommittee headed by Commissioner J. Bridge presented 1<sup>st</sup> draft of PowerPoint presentation document highlighting Commission projects and accomplishments. This PowerPoint presentation will be presented to Council possibly in December or January. Commissioner J. Bridge made a motion that the Commission approve the concept of the subcommittee draft document. R. Favreau seconded, and motion was passed.

**D. Outreach & Public Education Related to Senior Housing**

Commissioners discussed and reviewed information related to making informed choices regarding various types of senior housing. Commissioner J. Bridge suggested color coding documents with various housing types to be made available to the public. J. Bridge also suggested a panel presentation on senior housing highlighting the spectrum of care. Motion was made to explore possibility of housing project to inform public on various types of senior housing. Commissioner S. Blumenthal seconded, and motion was passed.

**5. New Business**

**A. Universal Design**

Commission discussed the possibility of arranging a field trip to view Eskaton's universal design demonstration home in Roseville. Staff will seek further direction as to whether this visit can be made as a Commission or as members of the general public.

**B. Senior Housing Strategy/Survey**

Staff provided an update to the Commission on the status of the Housing Strategy Committee and projects relating to “Strategy for Housing Seniors in Davis,” including the Senior Housing Survey. On June 2, 2009, the City Council directed staff to proceed with a “Strategy for Housing Seniors in Davis” through 2013 and beyond. The City Council decided to delay initiation of a committee process to develop the senior housing strategy and also decided not to conduct a sample survey of Davis seniors. The Senior Citizen Commission was given two reports, the Senior Population and Housing Data Projections, 2010-2030, and the 2008 Senior Survey for People 60 and Older in Yolo County. Commissioners were asked to review these documents as well as the “Strategy for Housing Seniors in Davis” resolution, which will be distributed at a later date, and make recommendations to City Council.

**C. Discussion of CTAP Presentation**

Commissioners discussed coordinating a presentation by the California Telephone Access Program but decided the upcoming Health Fair hosted by the senior center, which will include a CTAP representative, will provide needed information to the public.

**6. Commission Announcements/Comments**

*This time is set aside for Commissioners to report on issues or meetings attended, but not listed on the agenda. No formal action may be taken on matters not listed on this agenda.*

**A.** Shula Blumenthal, Liaison to the Climate Action Team

**B.** Janice Bridge, Liaison to the California Senior Legislature

- C. Mariana Henwood, Representative to the Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services
- D. Kitty Liebhardt, Representative to the Social Services Commission/ADA Sub-committee
- E. Tansey Thomas, Liaison Representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee
- F. Maria Lucchesi, Representative to the Yolo County Focal Point Coordinating Council stated that a Focal Point meeting would be scheduled in January to be hosted by the County Commission on Aging.

**7. City Council Liaison/Staff Comments**

*This time is set aside for Council members and staff to report on issues and/or events of interest not listed on the agenda. No formal action may be taken on matters not listed on this agenda.*

- A. City Council Liaison Update
- B. Staff Comments-- Staff noted that the City of Davis would not seek to renew grant funding from Area 4 Agency on Aging for the Information and Assistance program next fiscal year. Staff stated that the senior center would continue to provide information and assistance to Davis seniors.
- C. Information & Assistance Report
- D. Upcoming Events & Activities--Staff noted upcoming Senior Health Fair which would include flu shots.

**8. Written Communications**

*Written correspondence, such as letters and/or messages for Commission members will be distributed in the agenda packet and listed on the agenda. Regular monthly meeting agendas, publications/newsletters will be distributed at the meeting.*

**9. Future Agenda Items/Review of Long Range Calendar**

**10. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by S. Hayes, seconded by J. Bridge and passed by consensus at 4:40p.m. Next meeting date: Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616.

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