



Commission on Aging
Ethel Murphy, Chair
Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary

COMMISSION ON AGING VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St.
Berkeley, CA 94703

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
1:00 p.m.

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.
3. Approval of minutes from October 20, 2021. (Attachment A)

Discussion/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

4. Commission liaisons- Reports and updates (Attachment B)
5. Housing Element Update – *Sasha Futran*
6. Electric Scooter Share Program (Attachment C)

Information Items

Adjournment

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ALL MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL!!!

<u>Commission:</u>	<u>Liaison:</u>	<u>Meeting dates & locations:</u>
Disaster and Fire Safety Commission		4 th Wednesday @7:00 pm -Fire Dept. Training Facility 997 Cedar St.
Parks and Waterfront Commission		2 nd Wednesday @7:00 pm -Frances Albrier Community Center 2800 Park St.
Transportation Commission	Murphy, Porter	3 rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm -Willow Room 1326 Allston Way, Corp Yard
Commission on the Status of Women		4 th Monday @ 6:00 pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.
Planning Commission		1 st Wednesday @ 7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.

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Homeless Commission		2 nd Wednesday @7:00pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.
Animal Care Commission		3 rd Wednesday @7:00 pm -Berkeley Animal Shelter 1 Bolivar Dr.
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission		3 rd Wednesday @7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Commission on Disability		1 st Wednesday @6:00 pm -Willow Room 1326 Allston Way, Corp Yard
Housing Advisory Commission		1 st Thursday @7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Community Health Commission-	NOT IN SESSION	4 th Thursday @6:30 pm

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		-South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Mental Health Commission		4 th Thursday @7:00 pm 1947 Center St.
Peace and Justice Commission		1 st Monday @7:00 pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.



Health, Housing &
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October 20, 2021

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Subject: Ordinance for a Shared Electric Micromobility Permit Program

Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers,

As regards the “Ordinance for a Shared Electric Micromobility Permit Program”, the Commission on Aging (the CoA) has in the past and continues to have serious, public health and safety concerns regarding shared e-scooters. Our concerns are not only focused on our rapidly growing, aging population and - by extension - the general public, but for the scooter riders themselves. Since there appears to be considerable flexibility built into the various terms and conditions of the ordinance, the commission requests that a representative of the Public Works Dept. attend our meeting to give us a specific update on where things stand now vis a vis where they stood when the pilot program was proposed as well as to field questions from our commissioners. Our goal is to provide input to Council regarding the ways e-scooter sharing can be best regulated and re-regulated to ensure that the needs of the aging population is met in the context of the needs of Berkeley as a whole.

Again, the CoA has seriously taken up the issue of e-scooter share in the past and took action at the time in the form of a letter to council, a letter that contained many specificities. We would have happily continued to engage the subject before now, but the Pandemic severely limited our ability to meet and information that the issue was once again coming before council came to our attention only very recently. To the best of the CoA’s knowledge, there was nothing in the Transportation Commission’s agendas from months before the pandemic began that indicated the possibility that an e-scooter share program was once again on the table. As far as the “Ordinance for a Shared Electric Micromobility Permit Program” goes, the first time the CoA became aware of this was when it appeared as action item #30 on Council’s 9/28 agenda only after our 9/15 meeting.

Had we been informed earlier, a letter of concern and our request to be engaged in the process would have in all likelihood landed on the Council's desk before the ordinance was voted on and probably months before that date. Water under the bridge in what have been very difficult times, but, moving forward and given the regulatory flexibility in the ordinance, the CoA requests to be involved in the assessment and regulatory refinement process beginning now.

Thank you for taking our request into consideration.

Commission on Aging

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