



Commission on Aging  
Margot Smith, Chair  
Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary

## COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order by Chair Smith
2. Roll Call by Secretary
3. 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.
4. Approval of minutes from May, 2024 (Attachment A)

The Commission may discuss 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.

### Presentation

**Street Crime Prevention and Responses for the Elderly-** Sergeant Kevin Kleppe, Berkeley Police Department (See Attachment B)

### Discussion / Action Items

1. **City Council Referral:** Ask the City Council to include Senior programs in their monthly newsletters-Karin Evans
2. **City Council Referral:** Companion Report: Achieving Goals of 2018 Berkeley Age-Friendly Action Plan; next steps (Attachment C)
3. **Presentation Proposal:** Berkeley's new Missing Middle zoning, Justin Horner - Phyllis Orrick
4. **Presentation Proposal:** Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County to discuss the groups work, Wendy Peterson - Phyllis Orrick
5. **Presentation Proposal:** Street Trauma Prevention Initiative and the commission's report to city council-Disaster and Fire Services Commissioner, Mike Wilson - Phyllis Orrick
6. **Presentation Proposal:** Violence Affecting Elderly Women and Men: trends, analysis, and proposals for public and private actions to improve safety, Rani Cochran

### Commissioner reports

None

### **Staff report**

Matthai Chakko, Assistant to the City Manager- Chakko stated, “Communications Team and Aging Services are looking for ways to collaborate to think about strategies to strengthen the divisions communication”.

### **Information Items**

1. The City's First Draft Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) has been posted for public review at <http://www.BerkeleyCA.gov/mitigation>. **All Commissions are invited to provide feedback on the First Draft Plan** by July 31, 2024
2. Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Input Meeting in June is ~~SEP~~— Wednesday, June 19: 6:00pm-7:30pm – North Berkeley Senior Center – Hybrid Meeting
3. **\*\*Please submit all agenda items Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> for July 17, 2024 meeting to the Commission Secretary, for the July meeting only.**

### **Items for Ongoing Discussion**

1. Alzheimer’s programs for residents of Berkeley
2. City website
3. Forum for women’s safety

### **Adjournment**

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Internal

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## COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
1:30 p.m.

### 1. Roll Call

Present: (7) Porter, Smith, Yamaguchi, Evans, Orrick, Lavault, Cochran, Chisholm

Absent: (1) Collins

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: (2) Darlene Bronson, Donnaracia Scurry

Public: (8)

### 2. Public Comment (5)

### Presentations

1. Alameda County Transportation Commission San Pablo Avenue Multimodal Corridor Project Update- Aleida Andrino-Chavez, ACTC transportation planner

### Action Items

1. **Presentation proposal:** Berkeley Police Department to present on the issue of safety for women and elders and how they plan to improve elder safety and outreach improvements to the community  
M/S: Chisholm/ Lavault  
Ayes: Cochran, Orrick, Porter, Yamaguchi, Evans, Smith  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
**Motion passed to be presented at the June meeting.**
2. **Presentation proposal:** Evans presented the draft of a letter she would like the Commission to send to City Council members suggesting that they include senior services and programs in their monthly newsletters. Commissioners approved the draft with the suggestion that it be introduced to council members with a short paragraph.  
M/S: Chisholm / Lavault  
Ayes: Cochran, Orrick, Porter, Yamaguchi, Evans, Smith  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
**Motion passed.**
3. **Presentation proposal:** Orrick had proposed three presentations to be approved for future meetings. Staff and commissioners were unclear as to whom should invite presenters to speak, as there are commission regulations that must be followed. Bronson will bring clarity to this issue. Until there is clarity, the presentation proposals by Orrick were tabled.

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M/S: Orrick / Evans

Ayes: Cochran, Lavault, Chisholm, Porter, Yamaguchi, Smith

Noes: None

Abstain: None

**Discussion Items**

**Commissioners adjourned at 3:19 p.m.**

Minutes Approved on:

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Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary

## Attachment B

The City Council meeting of February 13, 2024, referred this to the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Aging:

### 12.-Recommendation on Public Safety/Crime Prevention for Women

From: Commission on the Status of

Women

**Recommendation:** That Council refer to the Council Public Safety Policy Committee to develop plans to implement public safety crime prevention programs to address the current rising crime against women, particularly older women. These plans should include a budget referral to the Council Budget and Finance Committee for consideration in the June budget

process. These plans should include:

- 1. Developing a plan of safety escorts modeled on the Respect-BART Escorts Program** passed by Council in 2003 to address the rash of muggings on Berkeley BART paths (North Berkeley and Ashby). As in that plan, where \$40,500 was approved by Council, the Council Public Safety Policy Committee should identify the current amount of monies needed for funding for this newly developed 2024 plan and Council refer to the June budget process. These safety escorts should be available throughout the entire community of Berkeley upon request. The Council Public Safety Committee should also identify if a RFP need be issued for this purpose;

- 2. Develop a plan to engage Berkeley community ambassadors** working under the Downtown Berkeley Association, Telegraph Business Improvement District and any similar ambassador programs to provide safety escort services upon request through the business districts they serve and nearby residences that can be reached by foot;

- 3. Explore if the City ride-share funded program, Go-Go**

**Grandparent**, should be expanded and in what form to provide ride shares for women concerned about their safety. Consider cost share, if necessary, for some women and working with the ride-share companies to ensure that they watch for the woman to safely reach her door before leaving; Consider the feasibility of lifting age or disability requirements. Identify a budgetary recommendation to be directed to the Council Budget and Finance Committee.

**4. Develop a City-wide community forum targeted towards women** with a special emphasis on safety and crime prevention for older, vulnerable women. This meeting should be led by the Berkeley Police Department with participation by other safety-related community resources and moderated by an official proposed by the Council Public Safety Committee. The Committee shall recommend that the forum be hybrid, both Zoom and in person. The Committee shall also discuss how City-wide promotion of this public safety crime prevention forum shall be conducted.

**5. Consult with the Berkeley Police Department to provide data** and other information identifying geographic locations which are high priority for safety escorts. Consult with Berkeley Police Department to secure other information as to where women are most at safety risk and what hours safety escorts, and other recommendations as stated above, be best utilized. The Berkeley Police Department shall provide this information at a Council Public Safety Committee meeting.

**Financial Implications:** See report<sup>[SEP]</sup> Contact: Okeya Vance-Dozier, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7100

## **Attachment C**

On May 7, the City Council referred the item below to commissions. The Chair may determine how to best agendize this item at your next meeting.

### **33b.-Companion Report: Achieving Goals of 2018 Berkeley Age-Friendly Action Plan** From: **City Manager**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager to review and prioritize the recommendations of the City of Berkeley's Age-Friendly Action Plan, in conjunction with the results of the Community Health Assessment that will be conducted by the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department in the 2024 calendar year. In addition, to consider the following referrals:

1. Refer to the Transportation Commission to collaborate with the Commission on Aging to assess the equitable accessibility of public transportation options for the older adult and disabled community in Berkeley.
2. Refer to Housing Advisory Commission to collaborate with staff to assess the level of affordable, accessible housing options for older adults to age in the Berkeley community.
3. Refer the Commission on Aging's request for increased funding to the Budget and Finance Policy Committees for further deliberation.

**Financial Implications:** See report.

Contact: Tanya Bustamante, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400