



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

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 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 September, 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

NONE

Staff report

Darlene Bronson to report on:

1. Operations and schedules of senior centers
2. Hybrid options at commission meetings
3. NBSC kitchen completion status and how meals are prepared
4. How companies are able to obtain permission to advertise their services inside senior centers and other city buildings.

Discussion / Action Items

1. City budget meeting, Phyllis Orrick
2. **Presentation proposal:** Services to the Berkeley aged population, Margot Smith
3. **Presentation proposal:** Meeting the housing needs of seniors, Margot Smith
4. **Presentation proposal:** Funds to help seniors fix their houses. Funding is supposed to go through the Center for Independent Living, however CIL is not responding to requests for information, George Porter
5. Potential content ideas for future meetings and use of presentation forms, Margot Smith
6. November: Commission end of year celebration.

Commissioner reports

NONE

Information Items

1. **Please submit all agenda items by Tuesday, November 5st for November 20, 2024 meeting to the Commission Secretary, for the November 20th 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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COMMISSION ON AGING DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: (9) Smith, Yamaguchi, Evans, Orrick, Lavault, Cochran, Chisholm, Collins, Porter

Absent: N/A

Excused Absence: N/A

Staff Present: (1) Donnarcia Scurry

Public: (3)

2. Public Comment (1)

Presentations

Serving Berkeley's Homeless Population over age 55. Josh Jacobs, Homeless Services Coordinator, Neighborhood Services | City of Berkeley

Action Items

- 1. Question: How do private companies obtain permission to advertise their services inside senior centers and other city buildings. Are the companies vetted? Are their services approved by city staff?**

M/S: Smith/Porter

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Motion: passed

- 2. Presentation proposal: City budget for the growing population of Berkeley elders by City Manager, Paul Buddenhagen**

M/S: Smith/Porter

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Motion: passed

Discussion Items

Potential content ideas for future meetings:

1. Outreach of aging services needed to churches and synagogues
2. Geriatrics needed at Kaiser

3. How is the time in the senior centers is being allocated? How much of that time is for senior services? Classes and meals are held during the day, and city commission meetings are held at night.
4. The City Budget committee met, Orrick attended and will ask Kesarwani about it and report to the commission.
5. Presentation proposal: Services to the Berkeley aged population, Margot Smith
6. Presentation proposal: Meeting the housing needs of seniors, Margot Smith
7. Potential content ideas for future meetings, Margot Smith

Commissioners adjourned at 3:24p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

Darlene Bronson, Commission Secretary