

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO
SENIOR COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER
13909 EAST 14TH STREET**

Meeting convened at 10:05 a.m.

PRESENT

Chair Woycheshin, Commissioners Comelo, Frates, McHenry, and Tamura; Jacqui Diaz, Interim Senior Supervisor acting as Secretary; Ely Hwang, Customer Service Supervisor.

ABSENT

Commissioners Anderson, Daevu, and Plankenhorn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017 MEETING

Approved - MSC (Frates/McHenry) (5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 3 Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEETING

Approved – MSC (Tamura/Comelo) (5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 3 Absent)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2017 MEETING

Approved – MSC (McHenry/Comelo) (5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 3 Absent)

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Tom Liao, Deputy Community Development Director, presentation on the Bayfair Transit-Oriented Development Plan Update.

- Deputy Director Liao presented the timeframe for obtaining public input on the project. It is proposed to include mixed use; housing; retail; commercial developments and to create a more vibrant area.
- The Bayfair TOD area includes Bayfair BART and around the East 14th Street and Hesperian areas, including neighborhoods. The development is not expected to impact the single family homes in the project.
- Alameda County is also part of the team to create the project area. The goal is to provide for more walkable and bikeable lanes.
- Concept theme is referred to as going from “Mall to Village” idea with people being able to shop, dine and enjoy the area.
- Commissioner McHenry asked about senior housing; Deputy Liao replied that there was a desire for that, along with other types of housing.
- This is still in the early phase; funded by a \$440,000 grant; this will serve as a planning guide for the area. Ramey and Associates is the planning firm helping to develop the strategy, along with a comprehensive project team.
- Commissioner McHenry asked if developers were involved; Deputy Liao confirmed there were, along with the other team members.
- He described the community group as well as the technical advisory committee including BART, AC Transit, Madison Marquette, Caltrans, County, etc. The project will be a 20-year plan.

- Commissioner Comelo asked about security and safety issues. Deputy Liao explained that the community group has identified addressing crime and safety as one of the highest priorities.
- Liao said the community had also included parks, open space, environmental design use, walkability and compatibility with existing neighborhoods as priorities identified by the committee.
- Commissioner McHenry suggested that the area near the freeway entrance be reviewed and included since it currently looks blighted. She also mentioned that transportation going East to West in San Leandro needs improvement. She stated that staff should consider developing “up” in higher stories since the area is built out.
- Commissioner Tamura mentioned the desire for more businesses in the county side of East 14th Street. She also asked about any potential community gardens, like Hayward’s garden.
- Chair Woychesin asked about any potential “uncovering” of Bayfair Mall; Liao mentioned that nothing was firm but many other malls are doing so.
- Deputy Liao concluded by encouraging anyone to submit feedback over the next month, so that all comments can be included in the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three members of the public introduced themselves – Mary Jo Connevan, representing Farrelly Pond; Dee Texiera, Farrelly Pond; and a gentleman from the Bayfair BART neighborhood.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

- a. Secretary Diaz provided an overview of the new and ongoing arts classes being offered this spring at the Senior Community Center.
- b. Diaz summarized the highly successful Lunar New Year “pop up” celebration hosted by Arlene Lum. Crafts, history, refreshments and fellowship occurred – it was so well attended that extra tables were set up in the hallway.
- c. The table shift form was circulated for the upcoming Senior Resource Fair on April 21, 2017; the form will be at the next meeting. A member of the public suggested having a booth dedicated to a product for incontinence at the Senior Resource Fair; the commission agreed to pass this suggestion on to the event coordinator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The Commission directed staff to send a general letter of support from the Mayor for the Center for Elders’ Independence project for Adult Day Care.

REPORT OF CHAIR

- Chair Woychesin mentioned an article related to seniors being active on computers and playing games as having a positive impact on memory and dementia.
- .She asked that everyone sign the cards to be sent to Carl Basuino and to Diane Atienza.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Frates asked if the commission topics and presentations could be better publicized since they are so informative; Secretary Diaz agreed to look into the matter.
- Commissioner McHenry mentioned her concern for the topic of seniors being evicted from their rental homes and the need for proper language for landlords. She stated she intended to speak with the City Council members on the issue.
- Commissioner Comelo mentioned the East Bay Housing Organization and Just Cause as being resources on this topic. A discussion ensued about how best to get more information to the commission. The members agreed to discuss the issue (as individuals) with Council Members. They requested staff to look into bringing speakers to the commission on this topic.
- Commissioner Tamura shared her enjoyment of the Lunar New Year event and that the Asian Cultural Association is willing to bring more of this sort of activity to the San Leandro community. She would also like more publicity done for the Senior Resource Fair.
- Commissioner Comelo stated a formal Valentine's event would be nice in the future; she expressed her concern that attendance is dropping at the Senior Resource Fair; and that she feels the senior housing issue is important in San Leandro.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC (Frates/Comelo) to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am (5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent)

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Jacqui Diaz