

City of San Leandro

Civic Center 835 East 14th Street San Leandro, California

Minutes

Senior Commission

Chair Jan Woycheshin, District 3
Vice Chair Bella Comelo, District 6
David Anderson, District 1
Darlene Daevu, At Large (4)
Katherine Frates, District 2
Mary Jo Knueven, District 5
Claudia McHenry, At Large (5)
Frederick D. Simon, District 4
Cimberly Tamura, At Large (2)

Thursday, January 17, 2019

10:00 AM

Senior Community Center 13909 E. 14th St.

1. ROLL CALL

Call meeting to order. 10:03 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Woycheshin, Comelo (left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.), Anderson (left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.), Daevu, Frates, Knueven, McHenry, Simon, Tamura (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)

Also in attendance: Susan Criswell, Senior Services Coordinator; Tonya Richardson, Solid Waste & Recycling Specialist

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF January 17, 2019

Commissioner Comelo asked to move Item 8.B. after Item 6.A. Commissioner Simon asked to move Item 9.C. after Item 8.B.

Approved - MSC (Anderson/McHenry) (8 Ayes; 0 Nays)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF November 15, 2018

Approved - MSC (Anderson/Frates) (8 Ayes; 0 Nays)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Hume, San Leandro resident, wanted to bring to the Commission's attention the repercussions of multi-resident apartment complexes in the City, parking problems. He referenced the various upcoming projects within the City.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Cal State East Bay's Nursing Program is a requesting to meet with the Commissioners to learn more about the senior population in San Leandro.

Secretary Hwang will email the correspondence to the Commission.

Commissioner Knueven expressed interest to meet with the nursing students.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Tonya Richardson, Solid Waste & Recycling Specialist - Public Works Department

Tonya Richardson, Public Works Department, presented the programs in the City related to Solid Waste & Recyling - it's mission, staff, events, mandate/non-mandated programs, partnerships (State, County, schools), and funding (grant funding).

She emphasized the "Know Where to Throw" effort to educate and support staff and businesses on the garbage (grey), recycling (blue), and organics (green) receptacles.

Commissioner Knueven mentioned that since the Senior Center is a Green Building, there should be better awareness regarding styrofoam; the garbage (grey) bin should be the smallest of the three containers.

Susan Criswell reassured the Commission that when the styrofoam ordinance came into effect that the Independent Contract Instructors were informed to ensure that the purchase of styrofoam was no longer permitted. She will revisit reminding the instructors and will look into additional signage.

7. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

7.A. SCC Updates and Events

Holiday Break Special Events - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday after Christmas Spectrum Lunch, Movie Showings, Nobody's Perfekt Dogs

Senior Travel Troupe Meeting - 99 attendees, featured Spring Day Trips, introduction of Premier World Travel for Extended Vacations (domestic and international trips).

MLK Celebration - Oratorical and Poetry Slam and community conversation, "Barbershop talk" presented by Unity in the Community.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.A. Bayfair Mall Senior Walks

Commissioner Simon gave an update on the recent walks and plans to combine senior dogs from Nobody's Perfekt Dogs with our seniors participating in the walks.

Commissioners Woycheshin and Daevu will be present at the upcoming Bayfair Walk.

November - 4 participants; December - 5 or 6 participants

8.B. Age-Friendly Initiative

Commissioner Comelo proposed that the Age-Friendly Initiative be considered as the next Commission goal or as the October Forum topic.

Commissioner Simon and Tamura supported Commissioner Comelo's proposal. Commissioner Daevu and Frates asked for clarification regarding the topic/goal.

Commissioner McHenry supports the idea of an Age-Friendly Initiative, acknowledge the challenge of budget, and is in favor of introducing the ideas covered within the Age-Friendly Initiative to the City and to the City Council. Commissioner Woycheshin cautioned the Commission to start small regarding ideas/topics within the Age-Friendly Initiative and build from there.

Secretary Hwang briefed the Commission of prior discussions regarding the topic and proposal of Age-Friendly Initiative as a FY18-19 Commission Goal.

Motion to begin the process of becoming an Age-Friendly City. Approved - MSC (Anderson/Comelo) (9 Ayes; 0 Nays)

Next steps: invite a speaker in March for a presentation on Age-Friendly Initiative.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Commission Goals FY2018-2019

Discussion to either brainstorm Commission Goals for FY18-19 (April, May, June) or move on to brainstorm Commission Goals for FY19-20.

Motion to brainstorm Commission Goals for FY19-20 to March Agenda/Unfinished Business

Approved - MSC (Frates/Tamura) (9 Ayes; 0 Nays)

9.B. Coffee with the Commission

February 21, 10:00 a.m., Senior Community Center Commissioner McHenry requested to invite the new Assistant City Manager to the event.

Secretary Hwang provided the Commission a packet regarding the event - flier, Press Release, sample donation letter, event evaluation, and debrief from 2018 event.

9.C. Senior Commission Meeting Time

Commissioner Simon made a request to consider changing the time of the Senior Commission meetings to 2:00 p.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

Secretary Hwang inquired with the City Clerk regarding the request and was informed that the times and dates of all commissions were adopted by City Council. Any requests to change the adopted times and dates would need to go through City Council for approval.

Commissioner Woycheshin referenced Commissioner Daevu's years of commitment to the Senior Commission given her work schedule, and shared the option of calling-in to be present at a scheduled meeting. She later reminded the Commission, although appointed by the Council, this is a voluntary commitment and temporary position.

Commissioner Daevu shared her thoughts on the importance to provide your input and work (as a Commissioner); if you want your community better, you have to put in the time to make it better. She commended Commissioner Simon for making the request.

Commissioner Knueven and Frates preferred to meet in the morning and keep the meetings scheduled when the Senior Center is open.

Commissioners McHenry, Anderson, Comelo, and Tamura were flexible with their schedules.

Commissioner Simon stated that if there was no unanimous vote, he would withdraw his request; request was withdrawn.

Secretary Hwang clarified the process of a commissioner calling-in to a scheduled Commission meeting.

10. ORAL REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Woycheshin announced that CM Aguilar has agreed to re-appoint her to the Senior Commission.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner McHenry - glad to be back, encouraged the Commission to attend the MLK event, shared upcoming Library events (book signing, Alta Mira Club tea).

Commissioner Frates - great meeting, thanked David Hume for attending and sharing his thoughts on upcoming City development projects; informed the Commission of the public meeting on 1/24 at the Main Library regarding the 1388 Bancroft proposal.

Commissioner Knueven - none

Commissioner Daevu - great meeting and glad to be back.

Commissioner Tamura - interesting meeting, commented that the Commission has a lot to work on.

Commissioner Simon - great meeting, very interested in the recycling topic and presentation.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Approved - MSC (Frates/McHenry) (7 Ayes; 0 Nays) Adjournment: 11:53 a.m.