



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
Mary Jo Knueven, District 5
Claudia McHenry, At Large (5)
Luis Mendoza, District 2
Adrienne Miller, District 4
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Thursday, November 19, 2020

10:00 AM

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1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am.

Present 6: Woycheshin, Comelo, Frates, Knueven, McHenry, and Simon.

Absent 1: Daevu

Unexcused 2: Anderson, Tamura

Also in attendance: City staff Susan Criswell, Michael Hamer, Ely Hwang, Andrew Mogensen, and Pauline Tabilang.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF November 19, 2020

Approved - MSC to move Item 6 towards the end of the agenda when the speaker joins the meeting (McHenry, Knueven) (6 Ayes, 0 Nays)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 15, 2020

MSC - Approved (McHenry, Knueven) (6 Ayes, 0 Nays)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Maplelane Project – ADA accessibility in residential construction, Andrew Mogensen, Planning Manager, City of San Leandro

At the conclusion of Mogensen's presentation, Simon motioned that the Senior Commission forward the letter the Commission previously sent to City Council to the City's Planning Commission and Assemblymember Rob Bonta. Motion seconded by Comelo. Woycheshin called for discussion. McHenry questioned the value of forwarding the correspondence. Hwang suggested that the Commission allow staff to consult City Attorney regarding the correct process for the Commission to advocate for this issue outside of the City. Mogensen clarified that the Maplelane project is a private project. The purchase transaction is between buyer and seller, and the developer is not required by law to provide accessible individual units for sale. Woycheshin made a substitute motion to table this topic for further advisement; seconded by McHenry. MSC (4 Ayes, 2 Nays).

7. ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY

•The Senior Community Center remains closed to the public due to no

significant changes in Public Health orders; it remains the base for staff providing essential services to the community.

•The City has procured 750 frozen grab and go Thanksgiving meals from SOS/Meals On Wheels. These are available to San Leandro residents 50+ for free; pre-registration is required to receive a pick up location, date and time. Both Marina and Senior Community Centers will serve as distribution points for the meals.

•Staff continue to distribute Spectrum Senior Meals and Mercy Brown Bags, make wellness calls, facilitate group calls, and prepare for the distribution of frozen Thanksgiving meals as well as a flu shot clinic to be hosted at SCC in partnership with Alameda County Public Health. The recent Community Education Program on Zoom 101 was extremely popular (80 registrants) and staff will be adding additional sessions on this topic. December topics include California Telephone Access Program, Holiday Eating, and Fall Prevention – Medication Management. The content on the Virtual SCC page is frequently updated.

•Staff continue to meet bi-weekly with paratransit consultants Nelson/Nygaard to coordinate work on the FLEX RIDES expansion plan. The consultant/City staff team is also meeting with paratransit vendors. Ridership levels for both services continue to be well below pre-pandemic levels.

•Criswell has been in communication with Rafi Nazarians of AARP to request assistance resolving issues encountered submitting the on-line Age Friendly City application form; she is awaiting his response. Criswell has submitted the Letter of Commitment and the logo.

•Criswell followed up on the inquiry regarding the Senior Commission's ability to independently apply for grants and administer funds, The response Criswell received from the City Manager's Office confirmed that the Senior Commission's function is that of an advisory body; as such it cannot directly apply for grants. The proper procedure is for Commissioners to bring such opportunities to the attention of their Councilmember, who may choose to pursue them with the City Manager's Office. CMO would then provide staff with the direction to apply for funding if it was deemed appropriate to do so. The application would be submitted by the City and, if awarded, funds would be disbursed to the City and the grant would be administered by City staff.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.A. Discussion of Age Friendly Initiative - Next Steps

Chair Woycheshin introduced the topic by sharing language from the application that states that a robust outreach effort is necessary to determine which domains of livability are of most importance to the San Leandro community. All feedback will be carefully reviewed by City staff and the Senior Commission.

Comelo suggested that AFI discussions be incorporated in District Town Hall meetings, and that presentations be made at other organizations about AFI (i.e. Unity in the Community). She also suggested that information about AFI be included in the City Manager's Weekly Update.

Knueven suggested that the Commission conduct a survey of SCC participants when communicating with them, and also submit an article to the San Leandro Times to educate people on the Age Friendly designation.

McHenry questioned whether input should be limited to seniors only; she would like to incorporate input from all ages. She suggested that the Commission research what Alameda County's plan is for community input for the County AFI and emulate it. Comelo shared that she has contact information for County staff involved in AFI.

Frates concurred with McHenry that the entire community should be involved; she would like everyone to feel ownership.

Chair Woycheshin requested that Commissioners submit other ideas to the Secretary for dissemination to the Commission. She suggested that the Commission conduct Zoom meetings with focus groups, faith based communities, and also use Survey Monkey to collect input. Woycheshin urged that the Commission consider a short list of domains to focus on rather than taking on too broad a scope. The Commission will discuss additional ideas at its January meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. ORAL REPORT OF CHAIR

Woycheshin noted that November is National Caregivers Month. She congratulated Commissioner Simon on his recent election to City Council. Woycheshin thanked Commissioner Frates for her recent attendance and participation at a presentation hosted by the Friends of San Leandro Creek regarding plastic recycling.

Woycheshin extended a welcome to City staff Pauline Tabilang, Administrative Assistant for Recreation and Human Services. She also thanked Criswell and Hwang for their work in support of the Senior Commission.

Woycheshin asked each Commissioner to share something they are grateful for during their comments.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Comelo congratulated Simon on his election, and thanked the Commission for their work on the Age Friendly application. She is grateful for Ernest still being with her despite his health challenges.

Frates welcomed Tabilang and expressed thanks to Criswell and Hwang. She has information about a Zoom outreach meeting regarding a new mixed-use development project to be located at East 14th and Callan. She is grateful for Zoom to maintain contact with her family and to occupy her mind. She wished Simon good luck in his work as a Councilmember, and thanked Chair Woycheshin for her leadership.

Knueven would like to agendize COVID vaccine and Commission applicants at future Commission meetings. She urged everyone to take steps to recycle and to reduce their use of plastics.

McHenry thanked City staff for their support of the Senior Commission. She

inquired when City Manager Jeff Kay will be leaving the City. Hwang stated Kay's last day is December 17. Woycheshin noted that she had sent a congratulatory card to Kay on behalf of the Senior Commission. McHenry is thankful for her health, her family, and for Zoom although she misses being in the company of others. She wished happy holidays to all.

Simon is grateful for every person involved in the Senior Commission. He thanked City staff who keep getting the work done despite staff reductions, and his fellow Commissioners for all that he's learned from them. He plans to take this knowledge into his position as City Councilmember. He noted that December 15 is the cutoff date for applicants to turn in their applications for Commission vacancies.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MSC - Approved (Frates, Knueven) (6 Ayes, 0 Nays)

Adjournment:12:01pm