



Senior Citizens Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 13, 2008
2:30 p.m.
University Retirement Community
1515 Shasta Drive

Commissioners Present: Romeo Favreau – Chair, Elaine Musser – Vice Chair, Liz Fisher, Stephen Hayes, Mariana Henwood, Shula Blumenthal, Kitty Liebhardt and Tansey Thomas

Commissioners Absent: none

City Council Liaison: none

Staff: Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent
Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor

The meeting was opened at 2:40 p.m. by Chair R. Favreau, with brief introductions of commissioners and other notable representatives in attendance at the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved and approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes for September 11, 2008 was moved by L. Fisher, seconded by T. Thomas, and passed unanimously. Motion to approve minutes for October 9, 2008 was moved by L. Fisher, seconded by M. Henwood, and passed unanimously.

3. Public Communications

Sue Kim, Yolo County Ombudsman, introduced herself to the Commission and encouraged the Commission to contact her if they had any questions and/or concerns brought before them that required additional assistance from the Ombudsman program.

4. New Business

a. *Purpose and function of the Davis Senior Citizens Commission* – Chair R. Favreau provided a brief overview of the purpose and function of the Senior Citizens Commission.

b. *Commission 08-09 Work Plan and Community Feedback*

1. Database Feasibility - R. Favreau discussed the current work of the Commission related to the data feasibility project. Discussed current pilot project for Information & Assistance Registry Form.

2. Transit Needs & Older Adult Driver Safety – L. Fisher presented general information about the commission’s current work projects related to senior transit. Expressed interest in continuing to look at possibilities for expanded or enhanced services during the summer months, and weekend or evenings.

E. Musser also reported on the current efforts to begin a Mobility Training program in Yolo County.

3. Water/sewer rates and personal emergency preparedness – E. Musser reported that the Commission is continuing to monitor water/sewer rate increases relative to older adults. Musser explained potential impacts to seniors. New rate structure will be based on usage.

E. Musser discussed recent power outage which showed complications at Atria Covell. She expressed things people can do to be prepared (food for 72 hours and supplies for a week), lights that go on when electricity goes out and discussed other emergency preparedness activities.

4. Community Outreach - K. Liebhardt recapped offsite meetings at Rancho Yolo, Atria Covell, and Eleanor Roosevelt Circle Senior Apartments and the concerns that seniors at each of these facilities have expressed.

5. Senior Housing - T. Thomas and E. Musser discussed current commission efforts on developing Housing Guidelines for Senior and Special Needs populations, in conjunction with the Social Services Commission.

6. Assisted Living Facilities – S. Blumenthal reported on recent legislation that has been approved to help protect seniors who are living in assisted living facilities relative to rent increases and public disclosure of past increases.

c. *Community Feedback relative to the Senior Citizens Commission and current areas of interest.*

- Shasta Point resident, Becky Beckner, expressed her concern and dissatisfaction with the management of the Shasta Point facility. She discussed the lack of response from management concerning a malfunctioning heater, as well as, limited computer access, faxes and copies for residents. Ms. Beckner was encouraged to put the information down in writing, and the Commission identified that they could assist her with this process.

d. *Appoint new Chair and Vice Chair positions* – A motion was made to appoint Elaine Musser as the 2009 Chair of the Senior Citizens Commission. Motion made by R. Favreau, seconded by S. Blumenthal, and passed unanimously. A motion was made to appoint Romeo Favreau as the 2009 vice Chair of the Senior Citizens Commission. Motion made by M. Henwood, seconded by E. Musser, and passed unanimously.

e. *Appoint representative to the Yolo County Commission on Adult & Aging Services* - A motion was made to appoint Mariana Henwood as the continuing 2009 representative to the Yolo County Commission on Adult & Aging Services. Motion was made and approved by consensus.

- f. *Appoint representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee* - A motion was made to appoint Liz Fisher as the 2009 representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee. Motion was made and approved by consensus.

5. **Old Business**

None

6. **Commission Announcements**

- a. The commission requested that on the next regular agenda in January that an item be placed to appoint a representative to the California Senior Legislature since former commissioner George Hinkle is no longer able to fulfill this role.
- b. Commissioner Fisher also expressed her concern that a City Council Liaison had not attended a Commission meeting since the election. She expressed her desire to inquire with the Commission's liaison as to their availability for future meetings beginning in January.
- c. Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services – M. Henwood and E. Musser reported that Supervisor Jim Provenza will be the new Board liaison to the commission, replacing former Supervisor Yamada.
- d. Unitrans - no report due to no meeting.
- e. Social Services (ADA) Subcommittee – K. Liebhardt reported that she recently attended her first meeting and will be bringing information forward as needed.
- f. Climate Action Team – S. Blumenthal and L. Fisher reported that the next meeting will be in January 2009. Discussion of proposed program to reduce carbon footprint in Davis will be featured.

7. **City Council Liaison/Staff Comments**

- a. None.
- b. Contained in report.
- c. Upcoming events and activities

8. **Written Communications**

None.

9. **Review of Long Range Calendar/Future Agenda Items**

- Commission to consider CSL appointment on next regular agenda
- Commission to receive update on Mobility Training program

10. **Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by consensus.

Next meeting date: Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center

Submitted by: Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent