



Senior Citizens Commission Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2009
2:30 p.m.
Davis Senior Center, Multipurpose Room East
646 A Street

Commissioners: Elaine Musser (Chair), Romeo Favreau (Vice Chair), Shula Blumenthal, Steve Hayes, Mariana Henwood, Kitty Liebhardt, Tansey Thomas (Alternate) and Janice Bridge (Alternate)

City Council Liaison: Sue Greenwald, City Council Liaison

Staff: Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor
Christine Helweg, Community Services Superintendent
Danielle Foster, Housing and Human Services Superintendent

Meeting was opened at 2:30 p.m. by Chair E. Musser

1. Call To Order & Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved and approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for Regular Meeting of April 9, 2009

Approval of the minutes for Thursday, April 9, 2009 was moved by J. Bridge, seconded by R. Favreau

3. Public Communications/Comments

Ken Wagstaff, Executive Director of Citizens Who Care, expressed to Commissioners that Citizens Who Care be considered for CDBG funding and that Commissioners, as individuals, express their support at the upcoming Council meeting. Members of the public including Richard Livingston, Bill Ritter, Maynard Skinnard, CWC board member Walt Sykes, and Ida Sue Kidd, also expressed support for Citizens Who Care.

4. Unfinished Business

A. Continued Discussion on Senior & Persons with Disabilities Housing Project Guidelines

Commissioners finalized their discussion on the development of Housing Project Guidelines for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Populations. Motion was made by E. Musser and seconded by S. Blumenthal to change language “in a way” to “an economical and efficient manner” under section “A” heading “Accessibility/Visitability”, bullet # 4. Passed unanimously. Motion was made by E. Musser and seconded by R. Favreau to change language under section “A” heading “Transportation”, bullet # 3 under “Provisions for electric /alternative fuel vehicle“ to: “Provide funding for electric/alternative fuel vehicle for shared use and infrastructure to support it.” and second bullet be moved under section “B” heading “Amenities”, to read: “Infrastructure to support electric/alternative fuel vehicle for personal use.” Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner J. Bridge that the “Guidelines for Housing that Serves Seniors and Persons with Disabilities” document be moved forward and sent to Council with a final overview by Chair E. Musser. Commissioner S. Hayes seconded and motion passed unanimously.

B. Determine Meeting Location, Date & Agenda for Next Off-site Commission Meeting

Commissioner E. Musser distributed document highlighting possible topics to be discussed at off-site May meeting. Commissioners decided they will give general overview highlighting past year accomplishments, upcoming projects, and topics including community awareness, transportation, housing, water analysis and rates, and senior database. Commissioners selected Walnut Terrace as location for May 14, 2009 Commission meeting. R. Favreau announced he would not be able to attend May meeting.

C. Review and Approve Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Commission Work Plan

The Commission reviewed and finalized key policy initiatives and timelines for the Goals/Work Plan for fiscal year 2009-2010. Motion was made to approve Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Commission Work Plan, moved by E. Musser, seconded by J. Bridge and passed unanimously.

D. Continued Discussion of Possible Commission Project to Train Employees Involved in Eldercare

Commissioner K. Liebhardt reported on caregiver workshop she attended in Fairfield. The program was sponsored in part by Home Instead and the local Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner E. Musser suggested Liebhardt and Commissioner J. Bridge contact Will Tift of Area 4 Agency on Aging for more information and report back to Commission in June. Liebhardt also suggested Dair Rausch be invited to speak to Commission at later date.

5. New Business

A. Review Older Americans Month Proclamation

The Commission reviewed Proclamation to be read by Mayor Asmundson celebrating May as Older Americans Month. The following addition was made to the Proclamation: :WHEREAS, the City of Davis will recognize Older Americans Month by celebrating National Senior Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 27, at the Davis Senior Center. Commissioner Musser will receive Proclamation on behalf of Commission May 19.

B. Discussion of How to Decrease Staff Time for Commission

The Commission discussed ways to reduce staff time for Commission projects and/or meetings. Councilmember Greenwald suggested Commissioners create a process for which to consider if staff time is necessary and Commissioner E. Musser suggested the Commission do the "lion's share of work" on proposed projects.

C. Discussion of Commission Meeting Length

Commissioner S. Blumenthal suggested meetings be short and concise. Commissioners agreed to work on shortening time at meetings though meeting length may vary based on agenda items to be discussed. Community Services Superintendent C. Helweg suggested Commissioners give any handouts to staff a week before meeting so item can be included in agenda packets and be discussed.

6. Commission Announcements/Comments

This time is set aside for Commissioners to report on issues or meetings attended, but not listed on the agenda. No formal action may be taken on matters not listed on this agenda.

- A. Shula Blumenthal, Liaison to the Climate Action Team
- B. Janice Bridge, Liaison to the California Senior Legislature
- C. Mariana Henwood, Representative to the Yolo County Commission on Aging & Adult Services
- D. Kitty Liebhardt, Representative to the Social Services Commission/ADA Sub-committee
- E. Tansey Thomas, Liaison Representative to the Unitrans Advisory Committee

- F. Maria Lucchesi, Representative to the Yolo County Focal Point Coordinating Council – Next meeting to be hosted by the City of Woodland.

7. City Council Liaison/Staff Comments

This time is set aside for Council members and staff to report on issues and/or events of interest not listed on the agenda. No formal action may be taken on matters not listed on this agenda.

- A. City Council Liaison Update-Councilmember S. Greenwald stated Council was researching cost saving measures relating to commissions.
- B. Staff Report
- C. Information & Assistance Report –contained in report
- D. Upcoming Events & Activities

8. Written Communications

Written correspondence, such as letters and/or messages for Commission members will be distributed in the agenda packet and listed on the agenda. Regular monthly meeting agendas, publications/newsletters will be distributed at the meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items/Review of Long Range Calendar

- 10. **Adjourn Meeting** – Next meeting date: Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at Walnut Terrace.

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