



Senior Citizens Commission Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2009
2:30 p.m.
Davis Senior Center, Multipurpose Room East
646 A Street

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

City Council Liaison: None

Staff: Maria Lucchesi, Community Services Supervisor
Danielle Foster, Housing and Human Services Superintendent
Robert Weir, Public Works Director

1. Call To Order & Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda was moved and approved by consensus.

- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve minutes for Off-site Meeting at Walnut Terrace on Thursday, May 14, 2009 was moved by J. Bridge, seconded by S. Hayes, and approved by consensus.

3. Public Communications/Comments

Commissioners received a letter from member of the public Rita Mt. Joy (not present at meeting) who voiced opposition to a particular Commissioner joining the Senior Housing Strategy Committee. Chair E. Musser reminded the public and Commissioners that public comment is encouraged but that personal attacks on individuals are not acceptable and that Commissioners have a right to express opinions as individuals. The Commission noted K. Leibhardt's article in the Davis Enterprise highlighting the importance of universal design. Chair E. Musser mentioned a recent Davis Enterprise article suggesting the creation of a "downtown discount card" and asked if Commissioners would like to discuss creation of a senior discount card at July meeting. Commissioners agreed and staff added item to July agenda. J. Bridge provided Commissioners with a report published by Area 4 Agency on Aging titled "The Dual Challenge" which highlighted various Yolo County senior statistics and projections for 2040. J. Bridge also noted an upcoming Alzheimer's Association program.

4. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion on Possible Commission Project to Train Employees Involved in Eldercare

Commissioner K. Liebhardt updated the Commission on meeting that she, S. Blumenthal, and J. Bridge attended with Adult Day Health Center Caregiver Resource Specialist Peggy Phelps and Dair Rauch on April 16 regarding options for caregiver training. K. Liebhardt also met with Steve Kove of Support for Home in Sacramento. Member of the public Frances Smith, Director of Public Authority, stated that In Home Supportive Services does have a caregiver registry but cannot serve people who pay privately. Chair E. Musser suggested K. Liebhardt create a one page overview detailing her proposal to have senior centers offer a meeting place for caregivers to network, and to present the overview at the upcoming Focal Point meeting.

5. New Business

A. Discussion of Water/Sewer Report

The Commission received an overview of the Water/Sewer Report by Bob Weir, Director of Public Works. B. Weir explained that over the past eighteen months, Davis City Council commissioned two independent water studies to research future water supply options. B. Weir gave an overview of the guiding principles, plan of action, options, and complications stated in a summary report given to Council. Commissioner S. Blumenthal urged staff to consider working with existing treatment plant rather than create new one. K. Leibhardt asked if other cities had existing models of the options City is considering. B. Weir responded some examples, such as fodder crops, grown with treated water do exist. Chair E. Musser noted her concern that Davis citizens cannot afford treatment plant. S. Hayes and Chair E. Musser complimented the Public Works Department for work diligently to keep the public informed and urged that they continue to do so by showing the public clear numbers for water/sewer costs.

B. Strategy for Housing Seniors in Davis

The Commission received an update from Danielle Foster, Superintendent of Housing and Human Services, in regard to Davis City Council's recent directive that a community group, including representatives of the Senior Citizens Commission, be used in developing a recommended strategy for housing seniors in Davis. J. Bridge commented this community group will discuss senior housing and not solely focus on the Covell Village Development. E. Musser voiced concern about make up of committee that it was too sided toward the development but that the community needs to be aware. Member of the public David Greenwald commented that there were no environmental or community groups and that the committee needed to be broader. Commissioners discussed various aspects of senior housing including mixed housing verses age restricted. Member of the public Christine Adams commented that there is a population in Davis of low income seniors that do not want to be in mixed housing.

C. Discussion on Transit Options

Commissioner T. Thomas updated the Commission on available transportation options discussed at Unitrans Advisory Committee meeting and a subsequent meeting with general manager of Unitrans. Commissioners requested that information about Davis Community Transit be available next meeting.

D. Discussion on Transportation Safety Exposition

Commission postponed discussion on hosting components of past Transportation Safety Exposition until July meeting.

E. Discuss Possible Off-Site Meeting at Davisville Apartments

Commission postponed discussion on off-site location until July meeting.

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 held June 17, 2009 hosted by the City of Woodland at the Woodland Community & Senior Center.

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
- B. Staff Comments
- C. Information & Assistance Report –May 2009
- 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, July 9, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center, 646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616.

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