

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair – Pete Yeatrakas
Vice Chair - Melodie Lew
Commissioner – Irene Bluth
Commissioner – Nancy Ruspil
Commissioner – Mary Webb



DRAFT MINUTES

SENIOR COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Monday May 11, 2015 - 4:00 p.m.

Senior Center, Activity Room

2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, California 94403

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call- Commissioners present: Bluth, Lew, Webb and Yeatrakas
Excused: Ruspil
- Introductions: Rick Bonilla, City Council Member – Chair Yeatrakas introduced Council Member Rick Bonilla, who shared some of his background living in and serving the City of San Mateo.
- MINUTES APPROVAL
The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2015 Commissioner Bluth moved, seconded by Commissioner Lew to approve. Motion carried 4/0 (**M-Bluth, S-Lew, carried 4/0**).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Webb asked what was being done on the Senior Commission work plan. Chair Yeatrakas reported on the Villages work that is being done that includes San Mateo and announced information on that will be brought to the Commission at the July meeting. Pete Steele will report on the Livability Assessment and Senior Transportation items later at this meeting. Commissioner Webb shared a newspaper article on Foster City's Village and suggested that Foster City Village staff/volunteers are invited to the July meeting to report on their program. Chair Yeatrakas reported that after a feasibility study, Peninsula Family Services has decided not to move ahead as a hub for a Village program.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City and County of San Francisco LGBT Task Force Report
Commissioners were asked to discuss how the outcomes of the City and County of San Francisco LGBT Task Force Report might help the Senior Commission understand issues of aging for LGBT and general older adult population in San Mateo. Commissioners shared comments including that the housing issue is applicable but may be too much for the Senior Commission to take on. The Senior Commission can continue to advocate for senior housing including accessible housing in new developments. Council member Bonilla reported that the housing issue had been discussed at the City Council goal setting session, and he will bring this report to the attention of the City Council. Commissioner Lew would like to see cultural competency highlighted within each department of the City. Commissioners suggested revisiting the Aging Well report, comparing it with the San Francisco LGBT report, updating it with any changes needed and aligning it with a new Senior Commission work plan.
2. Commendatory Resolution- Melodie Lew
Chair Yeatrakas presented outgoing Commissioner Melodie Lew with Commendatory Resolution SR-1(2015), recognizing her for her 8 years of service on the Senior Commission. He thanked her on behalf of the Commission and staff and presented her with a gift.

Agenda is posted at City Hall (330 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo) and background material can be viewed at the City of San Mateo Recreation Department main office, 55 West 3rd Avenue, 3rd Floor, San Mateo (650)522-7400 or on the City's website www.cityofsanmateo.org

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REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

- **Progress Status- Senior Workplan Item Related to Livability Assessment**

Pete Steele reported that the AARP assessment tool will be used on two pilot plans selected by the Senior Commission. He introduced two volunteers that he recruited; Deborah Flaherty and Michele Cinq Mars who will be working on the livability assessment.

- **Progress Status- Senior Workplan Item Related to Senior Transportation**

Pete Steele reported that an intern will be working on the senior transportation issue as part of their summer internship with the Parks and Recreation department.

- Angela Sakkos reported Senior Services Volunteer Appreciation Event will be June 12, 2015 at 5pm at the Senior Center- more information to come.
- Angela Sakkos reported on 2 Medicare presentations from HICAP of San Mateo County on June 16th at 3pm and June 30th at 6:30pm.
- Angela also reported that Assembly member Kevin Mullins office will be offering a Senior Scam Stoppers program at the Senior Center on August 4, 2015
- Chair Yeatrakas reminded Commissioners of the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event on May 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm by Chair Yeatrakas.