



Mayor's Commission on Aging

City of Oakland – Human Services
Department Lionel J. Wilson Building
150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite
4340 Oakland, CA 94612

Tel: (510) 238-3121 • Fax: (510) 238-7207 • TTY: (510) 238-3254

**Wednesday, April 3, 2024
Held In Person at the East
Oakland Senior Center 9255
Edes Ave. Oakland, CA
94603**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Scott Means started this meeting by giving a brief/formal introduction, and statement about proper procedures for this meeting. This meeting was one of our first meetings in the community. Scott stated there are times when public comment should be made, audience members should not shout out while the commission is in the middle of agenda items. Asking them to wait until appropriate times, and to submit a speaker card.

Chair Gunst called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. The meeting was held in person at the East Oakland Senior Center.

2. Roll Call

Present: Lenore Gunst, Blake Spears, Tydia Hill, Ristina Ingram, Jennifer Seibert, Bob Scott, Jacqueline Johnson, Lisa Malul

Absent:

Absent Excused: Asha Beene-Clarke, Suzi Kalmus

Late:

A quorum was established.

Staff: Marshay Boyd (Admin Assistant), Melissa Francisco (Executive Assistant)

3. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Gunst gave a welcoming speech, shouting out all the amazing people/organizations who attended this meeting and help put this meeting together for the community.

The agenda was approved with two modifications. Move the Approval of past minutes items 4 & 5 on the agenda to the MCOA's next meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Motion: Jennifer Seibert/Motion carried unanimously

4. Defer Approval of May 3, June 7, July 5, September 6, November 1, December 6, 2023 MCOA Draft Minutes

Deferred to next meeting Wednesday, May 1.

Motion: No motion at this time

5. Approval of the February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024 MCOA Draft Minutes (Handouts)

Deferred to next meeting Wednesday, May 1.

6. Public Comment (Specific Agenda Items, limit of two minutes)

Chair Gunst opened this agenda item up to the public for everyone who submitted a speaker card to line up by the podium to speak. There were multiple speakers, Marshay Boyd managed the speaker cards and speakers, while also keeping track of time.

- Glenna Hamilton – Concerned about the littering in Oakland, wondering if the City of Oakland is looking at cameras to see who is littering/what can be done about it.
- Anwar (Chair for Commission on persons with disabilities) – Gave a brief update on what his commission has been doing, with a special interest on the speeding and traffic violence in Oakland.
- Annie Harpell – Resident of the Brookfield area, concerned about a letter received from The City of Oakland about reconstructing some of the streets in that area. It mentions the residents making sure their sewer lines were up to code. Residents don't know if their lines connect or not and would have to get contractors out to. These are senior residents on fixed income, who does not have the money to hire contractors.
- No name – Concerned about “sideshows” and people doing donuts in her neighborhood. Wondering if the police can intervene.
- Kim – Emerging senior, gave opinion on how East Oakland is a sanctuary city and we should be responsible for ourselves.
- No name: Member came as a representation of 6 generations in Brookfield community. Concerned about gang activity, trash/illegal dumping, etc. Recently created a community garden, giving the youth something to focus on and making sure the community has healthy foods. Mentions a concern about city agencies coming into the community and making changes without doing community homework. Mentioned a new development on the way and is concerned it will not be good for the community.
- Delane Thompson – Would like to see the City increase the fees for illegal dumping, while keeping track of which areas continue to violate.

Chair Gunst closed public comment and moved on to the agenda.

7. Presentations:

- Oakland District 7 Councilmember Treva Reid

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Councilmember (District 7) Treva Reid to do her presentation, while also giving a brief background on Treva Reid. Councilmember Treva Reid gave a robust presentation about District 7 and what she in her role as councilmember advocates for the community, and efforts being put forth to help the community members. Councilmember Reid also addressed a few of the public's concerns that was mentioned during public comment, while also inviting the public out to attend the council meetings and other upcoming events to stay connected.

- Oakland Fire Department Chief Damon Covington

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Damon Covington to present his presentation. Chief Damon Covington gave an introduction on himself, and how he came into the position

he's in. He provided tips to our seniors on how to take precaution on staying safe, such as working smoke detectors in their homes. Fire department twice a year picks up different districts and install smoke detectors in homes. It's free and suggests the community to take advantage of this. The smoke detectors are battery less and last 10 years. Chief Covington also discussed MACRO, phone number (510) 44MACRO, are teams that offer aids for non-emergency calls. You can call MACRO for anything.

- Oakland Police Department Cpt. Casey Johnson, Area 6
- Oakland Police Department Lt. William Febel, Area 6

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Captain Casey Johnson and Lieutenant William Febel to present for the Police Department. They gave a brief introduction on themselves and what roles they play at the Oakland Police Department (OPD). They also supplied the community with some safety tips and answered some safety concern questions. They talked about stats for East Oakland and provided information on Frequently asked questions.

- Oakland Housing and Community Development Director Emily Weinstein
Commissioner Seibert welcomed Oakland Housing and Community Development to present their presentation. Deputy Director Ally introduced herself and gave a presentation on their goals to tackle community homelessness in Oakland. While also addressing some frequently asked questions and concerns of the public with their recent construction efforts. Director Ally provided statistics of homelessness in Oakland.

8. Human Services Department (HSD)/Adult & Aging Services (AAS) Updates

Chair Gunst welcomed Scott Means to give an update on the Human Services Department. Scott Means gave a brief follow up on transitions of staff. Scott Means pick his successor the new Humans Services Director as he has transitioned to acting Human Services Director, he introduced Ana Bagtas the new human service manager. Ana introduced herself and expressed excitement for her new position. Former Downtown Oakland Senior Center Director (Jessi Cutter) is now outreach developer. North Oakland Senior Center Director is stepping into the senior center supervisor role. Scott mentioned the City of Oakland budget deficit and invited the public to attend the advisory meeting at the East Oakland Senior Center 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603. This meeting will be Tuesday, April 30th, @ 10:30am he will go over in depth about the budget deficiency. Chair Gunst opened the floor for commissioners to ask questions about any information they were presented with today. Commissioners took advantage of this opportunity, and the presenters were able to answer some of their questions/concerns.

9. MCOA Stakeholder Groups and Other Updates

Chair Gunst asked each lead for a brief update on what each of the stakeholder groups are currently doing.

- Health & Wellness

Vice Chair Blake Spears provided a brief update on the senior resource guide that have been distributed amongst all the senior centers of Oakland. Also, late this year they will be hosting listening sessions.

- Communications

Commissioner Bob Scott gave an update on a current project, which they are gathering all resources and creating a database for seniors and families to go to one place to get all the information they need. Currently waiting on contracts to move forward.

- Advocacy

Commissioner Tydia Hill talked about what the advocacy group is, and how they are trying to provide information for seniors. Representing all the seniors in Oakland by building connections with all the city councilmembers.

- Chair Report

Chair Gunst opened the next agenda item.

10. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)

Chair Gunst opened this item to the public to form a line to address some questions about presentations or to the commission. Many members came to speak during this time, with concerns, questions, and comments. Marshay and Chair Gunst kept a time check of two minutes per person. The presenters were there to address some questions and comments.

11. Closing Remarks, & Adjourn

Due to the amount of public participation, this meeting ran over time, and we had to end it. Chair Gunst thank everyone for coming, and suggested the public speak directly with the presenters for the remaining time they will be in the building.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40pm.

Motion: No motion at this time

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. in person at City Hall hearing room 1.