



Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bryan Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held via teleconference.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Bryan Ricks, Martha Scott, Asha Beene-Clarke, Michael Coleman, Dianna Garrett, Tomye Neal Madison, Shannon McDonnell, Jacqueline Phillips, Jennifer Seibert

Absent: Cheryl Moore

Absent Excused:

A quorum was established.

Staff: Scott Means (Aging & Adult Services Manager), Marshay Boyd (Administrative Assistant)

3. Re-adopt the Teleconference Resolution (*Adopt Resolution 21-10-02 Determining that Conducting In-Person Meetings of the Mayor's Commission on Aging and its Committees would Present Imminent Risks to Attendees' Health and Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a Provision of AB-361*)

M/S/Carried: Martha Scott/Michael Coleman/Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Jennifer Seibert/Shannon McDonnell/Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The May 4, 2022 minutes were approved with no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Michael Coleman/Jennifer Seibert/Motion carried unanimously

6. Public Forum

No Speakers at this time

7. Age-Friendly Report: Health and Wellness Stakeholders Meeting

Chair Ricks provided a brief overview refresher of the priorities and goals for the Livable Oakland Health and Wellness initiative. Reviewing the main points that were discussed at the last stakeholder meeting. Audience member Howard Kirsch is a volunteer with the Alzheimer Association, he provided information about their community book that might be a great resource for the Health and Wellness group. Audience member Oakland Senior Centers provided information about a free trauma awareness training called aces aware acesaware.org. Scott Means asked the commission to allow a second public forum comment between items 10 and 11 based off some items he will be reporting in his report.

8. Council Report

New due date is mid-July, gives the commission more time to wrap up a few things with the housing group etc.

9. Election of new Commissioners

Scott provided an update on the upcoming changes for September, everyone on the commission will have completed 2 terms except for 3 people. Jennifer, Asha, and Jacqueline will remain on the commission, everyone else will have termed out. Scott asked the commissioners who will remain on the commission to assist with our recruiting process, interviews etc. Jennifer and Asha volunteered to assist.

10. HSD Aging & Adult Services/COVID-19 update, Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager

Scott Means informed us about senior centers continuing gradually opening, also offering rental opportunities again. Still following the COVID guidelines. Still bringing in new staff who are stepping up and doing what it takes to keep us open. Traveling case manager program has officially been granted, will work with the senior centers to implement new support for seniors at our senior centers. Program will roll out at the end of the year. VACCEB provide services for local community and provide culturally appropriate meals, were not awarded funding for this year from Alameda county. This will affect seniors in our communities. Audience member Howard Kirsch asked what the reason was they were not included. Scott Means responded with they mentioned it being around them changing the practices around refrigeration but has also heard it may have something to do with VACCEB mainly serving Oakland. Commissioners want to know what they can do to advocate for this.

OPED: Recruiting for senior services program analyst! Program is open and continues to serve the community. They are working to expedite the Taxi Script Service and launching the Go-Go Grandparent Platform that will provide Uber and Lift rides to seniors.

MSSP: Seniors are still opting into televisits, will continue to maintain cases with porch visits until they're comfortable letting people into their homes again.

SCP/FGP: The program is staffed by 1.5 FTEs. The program will continue to sufficiently serve the community while in the recruitment process.

ASSETS: We are hiring! If you know any older adults (strong need for bilingual) who would like to participate, send them our way. The senior aide TPT positions are minimum wage \$14.36/hour

at 20hrs/week. There are also employment opportunities for Physical Fitness Instructors to apply as Recreation Specialists that will service the senior centers.

SENIOR CENTERS: Despite this, the Senior Centers continue to provide critical services that includes food distribution, membership registration and virtual/limited-indoor programming. Have upcoming events to RSVP for any upcoming events, presentations, or classes go to MyActiveCenter.com or call (510) 238-3284 M-F 9am-3pm. We have activities at all our centers. Introducing new Senior Center newsletter. A membership into an Oakland Senior Center is not a key into the city, but a membership into a community. Working on making our Senior Centers a community benefit, improving seniors experience.

11. Announcements

Commissioner Coleman announced the plan to put in intergenerational playgrounds at the Downtown Oakland senior center. He is excited for the upcoming plans the Open Spaces stakeholder group is doing. Magic play systems have people that work with grants, may be able to help with funding for these projects.

Free COVID testing is available at the following locations:

- East Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31207>
Date/Time: Tuesdays | 8:00am -2:00pm
- Downtown Oakland Senior Center – Parking Lot | 200 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610
To schedule an appointment: <https://curative.com/sites/31197>
Date/Time: Thursdays | 8:00am -2:00pm

12. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Chair Ricks asked Scott about OAM event feedback people have given about it. Scott mentioned people loved the singer and disliked the food. We are hoping to have it in person next year.

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 10 a.m. via teleconference.