



Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Wednesday, May 5, 2021

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, Michael Coleman, Diana Garrett, Tomye Neal-Madison, Shannon McDonnell, Jacqueline Phillips, Jennifer Seibert

Absent: Asha Beene-Clarke, Cheryl Moore,

A quorum was established.

Staff: Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager, Hayde Mazariego, Senior Services Program Assistant

3. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved with no modifications.

- M/S/Carried: Jennifer Seibert/Tomye Neal-Madison/ Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The April 7, 2021 minutes were approved with the following changes:

Commissioner Neal-Madison will provide art photos for the OAM virtual event under Item 9 of the meeting minutes.

- M/S/Carried: Shannon McDonnell/Michael Coleman/Motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Forum

Former Chairperson Sylvia Stadmire greeted the commission and extended her support on initiatives and future events.

6. Rescheduling of Commission Meetings

The Commission agreed that the June 2, 2021 meeting will be cancelled and a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 10:00am-11:00am to align with the City's Older Americans Month Virtual Watch Party on May 26, 2021 from 12:00pm-2:00pm.

7. Older Americans Month Virtual Watch Party 2021-Scott Means, Aging & Adult Services Manager

Scott Means stated that upon receiving feedback from the advisories and Oakland seniors, many would not be able to access the Older Americans Month event unless it is hosted on KTOP TV. KTOP was able

to provide the **12noon-2pm slot on Wednesday, May 26th**. The four (4) senior centers will host a socially distanced watch party for their Advisory Councils (approx. ten people per center). This will be a way of testing the center's systems and making sure that they can open safely for the larger membership. The event will be broadcasted on KTOP, channel 10 (Comcast) & channel 99 (AT&T U-verse). Commissioner Garrett stated that there is interest in CEI having their centers participate during the event, however they have no cable to view. Scott Means stated that there will also be a Zoom link available to stream the event.

8. Age-Friendly Report

Chair Ricks stated that the Age friendly cities subcommittee is gathering stakeholders for its initiatives. Vice Chair Scott added that the council report is underway. Scott Means noted that the action plan sections have been completed. He also added that the Aging Services Division is working with a marketing firm to complete the annual report. The Human Services Annual report will integrate the senior centers and the commission's age-friendly work.

9. City of Oakland 2021-2023 Policy Budget

Scott Means stated that the City missed the May 1, 2021 deadline for the Mayor's budget. He added that there will be new timelines established based on when the Mayor's budget is released and that the budget must be passed by June 30, 2021. He encouraged the audience to visit the City's Legistar website (<https://oakland.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>) under "Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency and City Council" for budget meeting updates. Commissioner McDonnell inquired about regulations on how much time there must be for public reaction before the budget is passed. Scott Means stated that there must be multiple readings to the public before the budget is passed and that he would follow-up with the exact information.

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

Scott Means announced that the City allowed the hiring of one (1) person in an Exempt Limited Duration Employee (ELDE) standing for the Senior Center Director position. The division will then proceed with the civil service hiring process for the three (3) senior center director vacancies. He introduced Jessi Cutter who has recently joined the Aging Services team as an ELDE Senior Center Director.

a. Introduction of Jessi Cutter, Downtown Oakland Senior Center Director

Jessi Cutter introduced herself to the commission. She expressed excitement in directing the Downtown Oakland Senior Center and engaging with the center's members, working with the food distribution program, and working on the Capital improvement project underway. The commission welcomed Jessi. Chairperson Ricks asked if the Senior Centers are still planning a live/virtual OAM event. Jessi stated that the Senior Centers will have the advisories members in-person at the event and most of the event will be virtual broad casted on KTOP and Zoom. The centers will also have a lunch pickup in which seniors that RSVP will be able to pick up lunch at the centers prior to the event (details to follow).

b. HSD Aging & Adult Services/COVID-19 Update-Scott Means

Reopening plans continue to be discussed. The Senior Centers are anticipating having scheduled classes for members upon reopening. The Senior Centers have the equipment needed for temperature checks and will be maintain a questionnaire that was developed by the Senior Center Staff. No Covid-19 vaccine related questions will be asked and masks will be required indoors. Scott Means announced that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is offering a vaccine clinic to Veterans, spouses, and all caregivers at the West Oakland Senior Center on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:30am-2:30pm. In addition, the East Oakland Senior Center has partnered with La Clinica to schedule vaccine appointments for seniors-staff person Patricia Toscano is the liaison. Scott stressed that without the commission's work on advocating for the restoration of TPT aging services staff, Aging Services would not be able to safely host clinics and other critical

services to the community. He introduced the City's Safe Streets initiative which is developing plans to improve street safety See link: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/safe-oakland-streets>. City staff from the Safe Streets will initially meet with the Age-Friendly subcommittee to develop recommendations and will then present to the commission. Scott Means concluded his report by announcing to the commissioners that if they would like to participate at one of the senior centers during the OAM event, they can contact both him and Hayde to be connected with a site.

11. Announcements

Commissioner Coleman announced that the grant proposal to AARP was submitted. He added that Pickleball was included in the proposal. Scott Means announced that SOS Meals will reach their 500,000 meal delivered milestone within their July-June FY and there will be a press event on May 6, 2021 at the Westlake Christian Terrace with SOS Meals on Wheels, the Mayor's Office, Scott Means, and Sara Bedford in attendance. Commissioner Seibert stated that she would like to participate at a senior center during the OAM event and would email Scott and Hayde.

12. Closing Remarks & Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.