



Mayor's Commission on Aging

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Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Held via Teleconference

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Bryan Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:01a.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, Jennifer Seibert

Absent: Cheryl Moore, Asha Beene-Clarke, Shannon McDonnell

Excused Absent: Jacqueline Phillips

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: Michael Coleman/Dianna Garrett/Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Agenda Modification and Approval

The agenda was approved no modifications.

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

5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

The October 6, 2021 minutes were approved with no modifications.

M/S/Carried: Martha Scott/Michael Coleman/Motion carried unanimously

6. Public Forum

No speakers at this time.

7. Age-Friendly Report

Chair Ricks provided an update on the Livable Oakland Stakeholders initiative, as well as where they stand after the Housing group meeting that was held on October 28th, 2021. Chair Ricks gave a brief presentation overview of the Housing meeting, providing highlights on what was discussed and accomplished as well as goals for the future. Commissioner Scott informed us of an upcoming meeting on Friday 10/5/2021 at 2:30pm that the Oakland planning and building department is holding on updating

design standards. Commissioner Garrett stated emphasis on “Lodger Law” it is a state law that Oakland and Alameda County are not enforcing, she believes if we could get some advocacy around that it would be very helpful for the housing situation. Livable Oakland Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Please email MCOA@oaklandca.gov if you are interested in becoming a stakeholder.

8. Oakland Redistricting Public Hearing Schedule for Adopting New District Maps

Chair Ricks opened the conversation. Commissioner Coleman advised us that it has been slow for these meetings. He has not seen any new progress on it but will keep his eyes on it so he can update us. They are still waiting on the Census information, that is the key. Commissioner Seibert will give us an update at the next MCOA meeting December 1st, 2021

9. Senior Center Bylaws and Code of Conduct (Subcommittee)

Scott Means opened the conversation with an update. The committee of Michael and Dianna met and added some revisions, as well as the Senior Centers have added revisions. We are in the final mode of finalizing the documents. The plan is to have this completed with track changes accepted and present it to the MCOA at our next meeting December 1st, 2021.

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

Scott opened the conversation with informing us that a lot of the issues we still have is our staffing issues. Scott introduces us to Linda Fong from apart of the senior companions foster grandparent program, she’s a clinical social worker and we look forward to having her apart of the team. We’re doing simultaneous recruitments. In the process of hiring our Senior Center Directors, confident going into January we will have 4 positions of 8 filled. Because of the mandate of the COVID vaccine, brings concerns if we will lose staff by the end of November.

OPED: 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: In the process of hiring more candidates. Look forward to seeing more happening with this program soon. Looking to increase our information referral staff. Actively recruiting and bringing back additional staff to support critical senior services. 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: In the process of hiring our Senior Center Directors, confident going into January we will have 4 positions of 8 filled. Senior Centers are still opening with only 50% of our staff. 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

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 & Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference.