

CITY OF NEWARK SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center 7401 Enterprise Dr., Newark, CA 9:15 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL A.

Chairperson Al Nagy called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members: Sandi Arellano, Rick Arellano, Elwood Ballard, Stanley Keiser, Miranda Miller, Dolores Powell and Glen Wickizer.

Advisory Committee Members Kathleen Lemos and Eileen McDonald were noted absent.

Staff present: David Zehnder, Karen Moraida and Cheryl Galvez

В. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes of the September 6 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting were moved for approval by Committee Member Dolores Powell, and seconded by Committee Member Stanley Keiser with all in favor.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

Chairperson Nagy introduced Dino Labiste, East Bay Regional Parks Naturalist.

GUEST SPEAKER – Dino Labiste, Naturalist at Coyote Hills D.

EBRPD Naturalist Dino Labiste presented opportunities to explore Covote Hills which included: naturalist led tours through the marshes, trails, Ancient Ohlone Village site, Nectar Gardens and the Dairy Glen Group Campsite. Naturalist Labiste also gave an overview of the East Bay Regional Park District and several special events including the Butterfly Bird Festival, Guerin Apple Festival and Gathering of Ohlone Peoples. Committee Member Rick Arellano inquired about van tours of parks for seniors. Naturalist Labiste offered to make the suggestion at his next Naturalist Group Meeting. Naturalist Labiste also stated that there are opportunities for community members to be volunteer docents at East Bay Regional Parks.

E. **HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT**

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder distributed and summarized the comparison charts through September 2018, noting that an update on Paratransit/Taxi Voucher data has been requested but not yet received.

F. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

Fremont, Union City and Newark Joint Senior Commission/Committee Reports - Committee Member Woody Ballard

Committee Member Ballard reported the next meeting will be held October 16.

G.2 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Galvez reported 60 people were registered and a waitlist has formed for the upcoming Lunch with Law Enforcement which will be held on Friday, October 26. She also stated that there is still space on the upcoming Stunt Dog Experience Trip scheduled for November 11 and the Friendsgiving Potluck to be held Friday, November 16.

G.4 Upcoming Meeting Schedule: November 1, 2018

H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Senior Recreation Supervisor Karen Moraida reminded Committee Members of the Joint Senior Advisory Committee Meeting to be held at the Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City, Tuesday, October 16 at 2:30pm and distributed reminder cards and directions to the Ruggieri Senior Center.

Committee Member Dolores Powell inquired about information on upcoming ballot propositions affecting seniors. Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Galvez will print information from the voter guide for Committee Member Powell. It was suggested that a discussion on those Propositions affecting seniors be included on the October 16 Joint Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda. Senior Recreation Supervisor Moraida will request the addition to the agenda.

Committee Member Stanley Keiser inquired as to why the Nixle Alerts have slowed down. Chairperson Nagy advised Tim Jones who was responsible for the alerts, had retired and the Police Department is re-assigning the responsibility.

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder invited committee members to the Newark Rotary Crab Feed to be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Newark Pavilion. Donation for the Crab Feed is \$50/person. The event raises \$40,000 for local non-profits. Contact Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder to purchase tickets for the event.

Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder updated the committee on on-going park Improvements including the Community Park dog park and the Sportsfield Park skate park and turf fields. Staff hopes to break ground in early Spring 2019 with projects completed by summer of 2019.

Chairperson Nagy advised the new City Hall/Police Station/Library project will soon go out to bid with groundbreaking in early 2019 and completion in 2021.

I. PUBLIC INPUT

None to report.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Galvez

Recreation Coordinator