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**Annotated Agenda
Regular Meeting of the
Commission on Aging**

Wednesday,
April 19, 2023

1:30 p.m.

Willow Pass
Community Center
2748 E. Olivera Rd.
Concord, 94519

This meeting will be held in-person.

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AGENDIZED ITEMS – The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee’s consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes.

1. **OPENING** Chair Melvin Lee called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Melvin Lee (Chair); Ben Hornstein (Vice Chair); David Afinowicz; Carlos Balladares; Les Casazza; Janice Cameron; Marilyn Fowler; Tjiuk Kurmiadi

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

This is a 15-minute Public Comment Period for items within the Commission’s subject matter jurisdiction that are not on this agenda. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. State law prohibits the Commission from acting at this meeting on any matter raised during the Public Comment Period.

There was no public comment.

3. **AGENDA ITEMS**

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a. Approval of Annotated Agenda from February 15, 2023 meeting

On a motion made by Ben Hornstein and seconded by David Afinowicz, the annotated agenda was approved as submitted.

b. Welcome New Members

Incoming Commissioners Janice Cameron and Carlos Balladares introduced themselves, giving brief biographical information. Current Commissioners did the same.

c. Presentation: DMV Ombudsman Program, Rafael Maldonado

Mr. Maldonado explained the DMV's Senior Ombudsman Program, stating that the program's objective is to keep people driving for as long as it is safe to do so. There are five (5) ombudsmen for the entire State of California. Mr. Maldonado is responsible for the expansive Bay Area region. His office phone number is (510) 563-8998 and his cell phone number is (626) 422-0326. He invited Commissioners to contact him if they have questions regarding DMV procedures for themselves or other seniors. He can help by helping people navigate issues with the DMV or by referring them to partner agencies to help them with safe-driving courses or to ensure that their cars are adjusted to best fit their needs.

d. Presentation: Health and Human Services, Devynn Darner

Ms. Darner is employed by the Concord Senior Center as the Program Coordinator and can be reached at (925) 671-3171. She distributed a printed list of resources that are available through the Senior Center (also available on the Center's website).

She also described Concord Talks, a variety of presentations that are held at the Senior Center and cover a variety of topics that are likely to be of interest to seniors in the community.

e. Community Survey Follow-up: Reports from Commissioners

Based on earlier feedback from the survey, a once-a-month orientation is being held to introduce people to all the Senior Center has to offer. The Senior Club will provide a similar orientation on the following week. When people first come to the Center, they can easily become confused about the differences between the Senior Center offerings and those of the Senior Club. These orientation sessions can help clear up any confusion.

Commissioners agreed that it is acceptable to distribute that information contained in the survey results as long as there is nothing that can identify any particular person.

Commissioners discussed the need to translate the Senior Center's printed materials – and any future surveys – into other languages, in particular Spanish and Chinese. When those translations are done, it is important to ensure that the information is accurately translated.

Some Commissioners have had ongoing issues making connections by phone with people who asked for follow-up contact regarding the survey. Often when the people were reached, they refused to talk with the Commissioner – or to return messages that were left.

f. Discussion: Next Steps on Commission Priorities for Housing and Transportation

Commissioners discussed where they should put their efforts and decided to stay with the Transportation theme for now. The Senior Center currently does not have a convenient bus stop to accommodate those who do not drive. Having someone from County Connection come to a future meeting was suggested so that Commissioners could make the case for having a bus stop at convenient to the Center.

As the discussion continued, it was suggested that it would be wise to have some statistics regarding how many people are likely to use the bus to attend Center activities if it were available. On a motion made by Carlos Balladares and seconded by David Afinowicz, the Commissioners voted to create a survey to be distributed at the Center, at the senior housing communities in Concord, in the Center's newsletter and online. Carlos and David agreed to work with Kathryn Monroy to create a draft survey to bring to the next meeting.

g. Discussion: Music and Market Tabling for 2023 Season

This year's Music and Market will take place from June 1st through September 28th. The Senior Club and a Senior Center representative (historically a Commissioner) usually staff the table each week. Kathryn Monroy asked Commissioners to

compare the dates of Music and Market with their availability and let her know when they can help with tabling.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Grants Awarded: The Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Pilot Program and Senior Nutrition Infrastructure

Kathryn Monroy announced that the Senior Center has received two grants. One provided the equipment needed to provide clean air when the Center is open during smoky days. The second grant will allow the commercial dishwasher in the kitchen to be repaired.

- b. Concord's Got Talent, May 20, 2023, 5:00p, Concord Senior Center

Kathryn Monroy announced that the talent show now has approximately 15 family-friendly acts. Tickets are \$5. She encouraged Commissioners to attend and to spread the word about the talent show.

- c. Senior Center Orientations, last Monday of the Month at 10:00am

As mentioned in an earlier section, orientations are occurring on the last Monday of each month. Reservations are requested.

- d. 20th Anniversary postponed

Kathryn Monroy announced that due to a lack of volunteer interest in planning the event, the celebration has been put on hold.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm by Chair Melvin Lee.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting
Date: May 17, 2023
Concord Senior Center, 2727 Parkside Circle

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