



CITY OF NEWARK

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center
7401 Filbert Street, Newark, CA
9:15 a.m.

Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2019

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

Committee Member Elwood Ballard called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Present were Senior Advisory Committee Members: Rick Arellano, Sandi Arellano, Stanley Keiser, Kathleen Lemos, Eileen McDonald, Dolores Powell and Glen Wickizer.

Chairperson Nagy was noted absent.

Staff present: David Zehnder, Nick Cuevas and Cheryl Galvez

B. MINUTES APPROVAL

Minutes of the July 18 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting were moved for approval by Committee Member Kathleen Lemos and seconded by Committee Member Glen Wickizer with all in favor.

C. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Member Ballard welcomed Sharene Gonzales and Corinne Behnam from Alameda County Water District.

D. GUEST SPEAKER

Sharene Gonzales, Public Affairs Supervisor, Alameda County Water District presented a "Service Beyond the Tap" slideshow including Alameda County Water District's: mission statement, commitment to customers, service area, supply sources, current water supply conditions and demands, water conservation rebates and services and Help on Tap customer assistance program.

Committee Member Eileen McDonald inquired about the leak forgiveness program. Sharene Gonzales advised you can ask for a once in a lifetime roll back. The program is not advertised, so you need to ask.

Committee Member Stanley Keiser asked about the blue/green algae issues with water quality. Committee Member Rick Arellano inquired what the difference between bottled and tap water was. Sharene Gonzales assured the committee ACWD water is safe to drink.

Committee Member Dolores Powell asked the age of water pipes. Sharene

Gonzales advised it costs 1-2 million dollars per mile to upgrade/replace water mains and there are no identified lead pipes in their service area.

Committee Member Ballard inquired about earthquake preparedness. Sharene Gonzales advised ACWD is retrofitting their system and suggested customers prepare too and have 2-3 gallons of bottled water/person/per day on hand. Bottled water should be replaced every six months and stored out of light.

E. HUMAN SERVICES/SENIOR CENTER STAFF REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Director David Zehnder distributed and reviewed statistics.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

G.1 Upcoming Programs/Trips/Special Events

Recreation Coordinator Cheryl Galvez announced the upcoming Pancake Breakfast next Thursday, September 12, 10:00am with 42 registered. A bus trip to the Healthy Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo will be attended by 21 seniors at a minimal cost of \$3/person on Thursday, September 19.

Recreation Supervisor Nick Cuevas announced the grand opening of the Mel Nunes Sportsfield Park Skate Park set for Friday, September 5 at 6:00pm.

Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder advised the NewBark Dog Park located within the Newark Community Park is under construction with the hopes of opening in late November early December. He also stated that Newark Days will be held September 19, 20 and 21st.

Committee Member Dolores Powell announced Newark Presbyterian Church's 125th Anniversary Celebration would include a Free Choir Concert, Sunday, September 15 at 4:00pm.

Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder announced construction at the City Administration Building has begun and there will be limited parking for the next two years while construction is underway.

Committee Member Glen Wickizer inquired as to what can be done to prevent dumping near the post office. Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder suggested contacting the Public Works Department.

Committee Member Dolores Powell suggested the Senior Center Parking Lot Entrance/Exit be relocated because of safety concerns over the increased amount of traffic and speed coming onto Enterprise Drive from Filbert. Recreation and Community Services Director Zehnder will pass the information on to Public Works and ask them to survey and make recommendations to address concerns.

G.2 Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

Thursday, October 3, 2019 9:15 a.m.

City of Fremont Senior Peer Counselor Program Presentation

Committee Member Eileen McDonald advised she will not be in attendance at the October Meeting.

H. COMMITTEE INPUT/REMARKS

Committee Member Glen Wickizer stated Social Security only saw a 2% increase while Alameda County Water District costs continue to rise above that rate. Committee Member Eileen McDonald added Union Sanitary District's increases are included in tax bills so don't see their increases as much as Alameda County Water District.

Committee Member Eileen McDonald expressed concern over not being informed about community-wide events like the Pat Danielson renaming at Washington Hospital and asked Committee Members and Staff to share information with all Committee Members if they see such events being publicized.

I. PUBLIC INPUT

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Galvez
Recreation Coordinator