



City of East Palo Alto
APPROVED MINUTES
Special Meeting
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
1:30 – 3:30 P.M.
Lewis and Joan Platt
East Palo Alto Family YMCA
City Room
550 Bell Street
East Palo Alto, CA 94303

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 1:43 p.m.

Present: Dixie-Lee Specht-Schulz, Ola Augmon, Gemma Barceló, Ruth Cossey, Isaac Stevenson Jr. and Stanley Yim

Excused: Amina Burrell, Michael Francois, Lorraine Holmes, Jeffrey Austin

Staff: Emily Pharr, Community Programs Manager

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: The agenda was approved as presented. (Cossey, Augmon)

COMMUNITY FORUM: The Committee heard concerns from Member Augmon regarding the breadth of City Council's authority on various subjects related to Senior Center operations. Discussions ensued as to how the Committee can support improvements and expansion of services.

Member Cossey complimented parking improvements at the shopping center but cited several ongoing issues. It was requested that Marie McKenzie come and discuss her oversight of the shopping center with the Committee.

SENIOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: Ms. Pharr introduced Elisa D Peinado of Kaiser Permanente. Kaiser is interested in sponsoring the 2018 Senior Dance. The Committee discussed event format, details and logistics. Ms. Pharr will provide Ms. Peinado with area statistics that will support her pitch for support. Staff will also look into alternative venue options and other highlighted details such as dance lessons. The Senior Dance is tentatively scheduled for October 6, 2018 at Cooley Landing.

Discussions with Ms. Peinado also included other opportunities for Kaiser to be of more support to the East Palo Alto community.

STAFF UPDATES: Ms. Pharr gave an update on the East Palo Alto Senior Center, Inc. 2017-2018 grant and upcoming grant request.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.