

CITY OF RICHMOND

Commission On Aging

Friday, September 6, 2024, 10 AM – Noon
 Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Farallon Room,
 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

PRESENT: Myrtle Braxton, Vice Chair, Bryan Harris, Acting Secretary, Kiran Agarwal, Cate Burkhart, Donna De Camp

ABSENT: Michelle Hayes, Rose Brooks, Bev Wallace, Kymberlyn Carson-Thrower

COUNCIL LIASION: Gayle McLaughlin (absent)

STAFF: Carlette Harris-Virgil

GUEST: Lorene Holmes, Eric Moseley, Cordell Hindler, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Jackie Alexander

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MINUTES

1. Meeting called to Order by Vice-Chair Braxton - 10:05 AM
2. Roll Call by Acting Secretary Harris - Present 5, Absent 3, Quorum Yes
3. Councilmember Gayle McLaughlin – Absent but sent a report which the secretary reported. She apologized for her absence, but she was attending to city duties that involved mediation. Regarding the Chevron settlement, this will be set at a later date. Details will be shared at another time.
4. Tech Training (Steve Lipson) – Reminded the commission that AI Training is on Tuesdays from 10A-11A, 11A-12A and Elder Tech Training is on Fridays from 10A-11A. There is new technology involving music called Suno. Evidence shows this could help Alzheimer's patients. This music program is featured at the AI trainings. There will be future training on how to use Microsoft ChatGPT and Google Gemini.
5. Open Forum – Cordell Hindler of the Park Place Recreation Council reminded that Richmond will hosting the annual Mayor's celebration on October 3rd. The cost is \$70 per person. He also announced that the Richmond Chamber of Commerce Gala is October 4th. The cost is \$100 per person.
6. Review and Approve Minutes M: Cate Burkhart, 2nd: Kiran Agarwal, APPROVED Yes
7. Discuss Centenarian Recognition event, consider, Betty Soskin Reed (contact her family) – It was reported that Betty turned 103. That the commission would like to honor her as a Centenarian during the Senior Winter Ball. It was agreed by the commission that we reach out to the family to see if she would be available. Details to follow.

8. Leonard Leinow, author of “CBD A Patient’s Guide to Medicinal Cannabis”, to present at the Richmond Auditorium, Bermuda Room, 9/11/24 at 1p. Make sure everyone has flyers to hand out. Joint effort with COA, Senior & Senior Annex Centers. Sign up to help. – *it was announced that this event would be sponsored by both the Richmond Senior Center and the Richmond Commission on Aging. And encouraged all commissioners to attend.*
9. Recommend additional agenda items for the October retreat. - *Vice-chair Braxton reminded the commissioners to please be in attendance for the Retreat on Friday, October 4 from 9A to 2P. In addition, she also encouraged everyone to submit any items to discuss during the retreat to either the Chair or the secretary via their respective emails.*
10. Discuss any updates for upcoming events.
- a) **OCTOBER RETREAT**– *confirmation from the City’s Legal department that a Brown Act training will take place during the retreat. Reminder that everyone is to bring a breakfast items for potluck and that lunch will be catered by Little Louies Deli of Pt. Richmond.*
 - b) **SENIOR SAFETY SUMMIT** – *per Secretary Harris, all guest speakers are confirmed. And vendors from the OES (county & city) & County Warning Services (CWS) confirmed attendance. He is actively seeking emergency preparedness survival kits for pass out and awaiting American Red Cross to reply. Program agenda is complete. He asked everyone to please attend.*
 - c) **SENIOR WINTER BALL** – *per Secretary Harris, the final invoice was submitted to the commission. The total cost is \$13,500. The cost is for 450 people and includes full table service, a full beverage service including hot cocoa, 3-course meal featuring Chicken Piccata. Final price includes gratuity and no sales tax. In addition, he stated that we are on track with the event task checklist. And reminded that in October that we’d need to finalize the program agenda and the table decorations (need a committee). NOTE: program ad sales need to begin in early October 2024.*
11. **Staff Report: Department updates** – *per Carlette Harris-Virgil, the Richmond Senior Center will be hosting a series of legal service workshops each week, on Wednesdays, starting September 18 and continue through November 13. In addition, dancing is returning to the senior center especially line dancing. And the nutritional lunch program is fully operational and open every day (M-F) with serving lunch from 12:00 Noon to 12:30 PM. The price is \$3.00 pp. And final note: the next newsletter is set to come out in November 2024.*

Line Dance fundraiser – *how many attended and how much did we make? – tabled until next meeting.*

Senior Winter Ball (flyers) – *the flyers and Save-the-Date postcards will be available by the 26th of September, during the Senior Safety Summit.*

Reconciliation of COA account/Balance sheet – *tabled until next meeting.*

Welcome Folder/Binder – *per Vice-chair, this will be addressed at the October retreat.*

12. Need commissioners to sign up to help at our upcoming workshops; let us know when you can help, for how long and what you can help with.
CBD Event and Senior Safety Summit – *contact the chair or vice chair.*

13. REPORTS

1. Commissioners report on other meetings and events they attended. – *none*
2. Discuss planned 2024 Calendar workshops – *present calendar events in progress up to and through December 2024.*
3. Finance Report - *NO REPORT*
4. Announcements – *Secretary Harris announced that flyers are available for the 9/11/24 CBD event and the 9/26/24 SENIOR SAFETY SUMMIT. To please take and pass out. Com. DeCamp announced that the Harmony Walk (sponsored by G.R.I.P.) will be on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. She encouraged the commission to be part of this event. This event is to create awareness for senior homelessness. The West County Forum will be hosting the Richmond's Candidates forum on 9/11 and a luncheon at La Strada Restaurant 9/12. The forum is free though the luncheon cost \$30 pp. And Cordell Hindler reminded the commission that the Makers Fair will be on 9/15 from 12:00P to 6:00P at Clinton & San Pablo.*

Adjourn 12:08 PM

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