

CITY OF RICHMOND
Commission On Aging

Friday, January 10, 2025; 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Richmond Memorial Auditorium, Farallon Room,
403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, CA 94804

PRESENT: Michelle Hayes, Chair, Myrtle Braxton, Vice Chair, Bryan Harris, Secretary, Rose Brooks, Treasurer, Donna DeCamp, Kiran Agarwal, Cate Burkhart, Lorene Holmes

ABSENT: Bev Wallace, Eric Moseley

STAFF: Kymberlyn Carson-Thrower

COUNCIL LIASON: Gayle McLaughlin (**absent**)

GUEST: Cordell Hindler, Mary “Honey” Harris, Gerry La Londe-Berg, Elva and David Stevens, Cindy Howell, Kevin Donovan, Nhang Luong.

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MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to Order by Chair Hayes – 10:07 AM**
- 2. Roll call by Secretary Harris - Present: 8, Absent: 2 Quorum - YES**
- 3. Tech Training – Steve Lipson** – *He thanked and praised the Senior Winter Ball. And then announced that revisions are coming to the Brown Act and that Elder Tech Training will be resuming soon.*
- 4. Open Forum – Mary “Honey” Harris** *introduced herself, stated that she was interested in membership with the commission and wanted to attend a few meetings. Cordell Hindler gave several reminders on local activities including the monthly Mayors Conference. Next date is 1/13 in Moraga CA. Elva Stevens introduced herself & husband and gave an overview of her concerns on the growing issue of senior homelessness. And Cindy Howell introduced herself and announced the invitation to attend a Richmond Community Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 1/11 from 9A – 12N at COBIZ Richmond (next to BART).*
- 5. “No Place Called Home” - PowerPoint presentation, Kevin Donovan and Nhang Luong, ACOA Housing Work Group** – *the presentation was a wonderful overview of the current housing trends in Contra Costa County. There was special discussion on the growing issue of senior homelessness as the result of seniors being forced out of the housing rental market due to the raising cost of rent.*
- 6. Q & A** - *the commissioners were full of questions and concerns.*
- 7. Break – 11:00 AM (5-minute break)**

- 8. Review and Approve Minutes** – *M: Cate Burkhart 2nd: Myrtle Braxton APPROVED*
- 9. Commissioner Sign-up to meet 1-1 with Chair Hayes** – *Chair Hayes announced that she wanted each commissioner to set-up a time to meet with her one-on-one to discuss their goals and future attributes to the commission.*
- 10. Feedback on Senior Winter Ball** – *Motion made to table until the February meeting
M: Myrtle Braxton, 2nd: Cate Burkhart, APPROVED*
- 11. Staff Report: Department Updates**
 - A. Update on Senior Winter Ball expenses & income** – *report pending for February.*
 - B. Ideas on recruiting new council liaison** - *pending Mayor's office. (Gayle recommends Soheila Bana)*
 - C. Set up meeting with Grant Writer** – *Per the Chair, we submit an invitation to attend our meeting. City staff will do the follow-up.*
- 12. Review of our events this year and think about what needs to stay, be replaced, etc.** - *A final version of the calendar will be updated and then emailed to each commissioner in the coming days. Our first outreach event is the Senior Transportation Workshop scheduled for early April.*
- 13. Please review the COA Operations Manual and write any questions you may have as we start our group review next month.** - *Per the Chair, she's asked the commissioners to look over the manual for the next meeting.*
- 14. Announcements** – *The secretary announced that the Swearing-in Ceremony of the NEW city council members will be January 14, 2025, at 5:00PM in the City Council Chambers followed by a reception in the Auditorium. The executive board encouraged everyone to attend.*
- 15. Adjourn** 12:11 PM

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