



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: December 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2008

Report in Brief

Attached are the Commission on Aging's regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2008 for the Council's review. No action necessary, this is informational only.

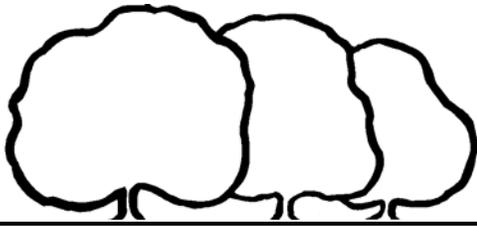
Recommendation for Action

No action required. Informational report only.

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Director

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City Manager

Attachment



City of Woodland

Commission on Aging
Regular Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. at the Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, California; Chairperson Wright presiding.

Commissioners Present: Campbell, Cooper, Wright, Talkington
Absent: Overholt
Staff: Lucchesi, Rice, Puccetti
Others: Petrea Marchand, Yolo County
Intergovernmental Affairs Manager

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2008 (Item 1)

Edits: Committee Reports Item "10" new buses changed to "5". Commissioner Campbell moved to approve the amended September 22, 2008 minutes; Commissioner Talkington seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

Community Resource Specialist Manager Lucchesi reviewed the correspondence provided and reported on the October 9th Yolo County Joint Commission on Aging and Adult Services & Focal Point Coordinating Council meeting she attended.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ellen Regal stated that Walgreens has been overcharging seniors for prescription medication since 2006 because that they don't accept more than two insurance plans in their computer system. She received a \$160 refund after more than a year of pursuing the issue with store and corporate representatives. She thought the issue should be investigated and was directed to contact the Dave Edwards, of the Fraud Unit, with Yolo County District Attorney's office. She also expressed concern that medical insurance is not taken for flu shots. Kathryn Schultz also expressed her concern that some agency should look into the issue of Walgreens overcharging. Community Resource Specialist Lucchesi explained that the flu shots offered at the Center were provided for free; the donation amount of \$10 was for those who could afford it.

VI. PRESENTATIONS:

Petrea Marchand, Yolo County Intergovernmental Affairs Manager (Item 2)

Marchand, the Yolo County Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, presented a Legislative Update (copy attached to these minutes) to update the Commission on the 2008-09 budget cuts to Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Service programs which included the following programs: Adult Protective Services Administration; Food Stamp Program; In-Home Supportive Administration. Marchand presented the status of State Legislation to: AB2105, AB1900, AB2370, AB2101, SB 483, and the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: **Senior Center Report (Item 3)**

Commissioner Campbell moved to approve of the Consent Calendar; Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 -0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

December 2008 Meeting Cancellation (Item 4)

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the cancellation of the Commission's December meeting; Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – INFORMATION ITEMS (none)

X. OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS (none)

XI. OLD BUSINESS – INFORMATION ITEMS

Senior Center Concerns Update (Item 5)

Community Resource Specialist Lucchesi reviewed the status of the ADA handicapped parking. The recent request to add similar accessibility options for the south parking lot was added to the report.

2008 Work Plan (Item 6)

- (5 a) COA "Infomercial": Project completed.
- (5 b) Focal Point Coordinating Council (FPCC): The Senior Idol competition was cancelled. Community Resource Specialist Lucchesi said that previously a local talent show was promoted however there was little interest received.
- (5 c) Intergenerational Project: Commissioner Cooper reported he had met with the new school principal , Ms. Gregg, who supports the project. The School PTA will be paying for background checks for the first ten volunteers who need financial assistance. The PTA President of Douglass School has also expressed an interest in participating in this program her position.
- (5 d) Promotion: Project on hold until January 2009.

- (5 e) Senior Discount List: Project on hold until January 2009.
- (5 f) Senior Resource Fair and Fitness for Life Event: Project completed.
- (5 g) Apartment Listing: Project completed September 2008.

ADA Accessibility Option for the Community & Senior Center Update (Item 7)

The City Council approved the Community & Senior Center's ADA accessible parking and building access improvements project. The \$50,000 project will be funded by the Park Rehabilitation project funds. Commissioner Campbell expressed concern for even more accessible parking areas closer to the building, with ramps instead of curbing for wheelchair access and ramps. Commissioner Talkington reported that Senior Center, Inc. has been asked to provide funding for the automatic doors however their funds are frozen in CD's currently.

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transit Issues: Commissioner Talkington reported on taxi services available. Woodland has one service and Davis has seven. In Woodland, it costs approximately \$8 to \$10 to travel anywhere in town (non-metered service) However, none of the 5-6 cars available are ADA accessible. The Outa Sight group receives a \$1 voucher for a taxi to attend their meetings.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Recreation Superintendent Rice announced that Community Resource Specialist Lucchesi has accepted a position with the City of Davis and will be leaving employment with the City of Woodland. Discussion ensued on her duties and how her position will be frozen with the City's current budget problems. Her duties will be transitioned to other Senior Center staff however, the Information & Assistance portion of her job may be referred to other agencies such as City of Davis or West Sacramento if we're unable provide assistance. Commission suggested a request for volunteers with social service backgrounds be solicited from the community to provide these types of services.

XIV. BUSINESS ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Transit Issues Report, Work Plan; Senior Center Concerns Update.

XV. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 24, 2008

XVI. ADJOURN: Chairperson Wright adjourned the meeting at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Puccetti, Administrative Secretary
Park & Recreation Department

Attachment

Legislative Update
City of Woodland Senior Commission
October 27, 2008

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2008-09 STATE BUDGET

The 2008-09 budget cut funding to the following county programs at the Yolo County Department of Employment and Social Service:

Adult Protective Services Administration. The state budget cut \$35,935 from this program, representing a 10% decrease in funding for the program.

Food Stamps. The state budget cut \$103,117 from the food stamp program, representing a 3% decrease in funding.

In-Home Supportive Services Administration. The state budget cut \$69,354 from this program, representing a 5% decrease in funding.

The Governor blue penciled \$13 million from aging programs, including:

- \$2.526 million for the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)
- \$3.165 million for Senior Community Employment
- \$5.978 million for Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Supportive Services programs
- \$416,000 for Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Centers
- \$316,000 for Home Delivered Meals program
- \$253,000 for the Congregate Nutrition Program
- \$200,000 for the Senior Legal Hotline
- \$60,000 for the Brown Bag program

STATE LEGISLATION

AB 2105. The Governor vetoed AB 2105, which would have expanded the category of mandated reporters for suspected financial elder and dependent adult abuse.

AB 1900 (Nava). This bill would have allowed counties to levy a fee on death certificates to fund senior services. As a result of a lack of votes, the author withdrew the bill from committee. The author later amended the bill to address a different issue.

AB 2370 (Bass). This bill, related to rate increases in residential care facilities, was signed into law.

AB 2101 (Wolk). This bill, related to rate increases in residential care facilities, was held in Assembly appropriations.

SB 483 (Kuehl). This bill, related to MediCal, was signed into law.

AB 2543 (Berg). This bill, related to loan assistance for the gerontology work force, was vetoed by the Governor. According to the veto message, "the provisions of this bill place an additional licensing fee on an entire profession to provide specialized loan assistance grants beyond the \$10 surcharge they already pay for the Mental Health Service Provider Education Program. Unfortunately, this bill is double-assessing the same profession for similar programs. I would encourage the stakeholders to consider the loan repayment funds they currently receive through licensure assessments and discuss how those funds can be redirected to address their policy goals."

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. The 2008 Farm Bill expands the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, which gives seniors vouchers to buy fresh, local produce and proposes \$20 million in new funding annually over the next ten years. Under the Farm Bill, the Senior Farmers' Market Program is guaranteed \$20.6 million for FY 2009, which comes out of funds for the commodity credit agency. This program is not subject to appropriations.