



Commission on Aging
George Porter, Chair
Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary

COMMISSION ON AGING VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 20, 2022
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87859343194>

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.
3. Approval of minutes from March 16, 2022. (Attachment A)

Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Public comments regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item. Public comments are limited to two minutes per speaker.

4. Work Plan 2022- Review & finalize (Attachment B)
5. Commission liaisons- Reports and updates (Attachment C)
6. Older Adult Community Forum (*Tanya Bustamante*)
<file:///C:/Users/rcastrillon/Downloads/2019-10-29%20Item%2014%20Budget%20Referral%20Berkeley%20Age-Friendly.pdf>

Discussion Items

7. Systemic Ageism
8. Public Safety-
 - Crosswalks at major intersections- not enough time for seniors and disabled.
 - City sidewalks- option to survey sidewalks in need of major repair.
9. Commissioner Recruitment
10. Tenants Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA)

Future Agenda Items

- a. Transportation issues- implement a shuttle service instead of adding

bicycle and scooter rentals

Adjournment

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DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
1:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: (5) Porter; Acampora; Collins; Futran; Cochran

Absent: (0)

Excused Absent: (0)

Staff Present: (3) Richard Castrillon; Tanya Bustamante; Mary Triston

Public: (1) Krista Goldbransten

2. Public Comment (1)

Discussion/Action & Information Items

3. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2021 meeting

M/S: Porter/ Futran

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

4. Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2021 meeting

M/S: Cochran/ Porter

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

5. Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2022 meeting

M/S: Porter/ Futran

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

6. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2022 meeting

M/S: Cochran/ Futran

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

7. Approval of Commission Meeting Schedule for 2022. Commission will continue to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM

M/S: Cochran/ Futran

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

8. Election of Chair: George Porter

M/S: Cochran/ Porter

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

9. Election of Vice Chair: Rani Cochran

M/S: Futran/ Collins

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran

Noes: None

Abstain: Acampora

10. Tenants Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA). Commission will submit a letter of recommendation to be included in the process and communications of this proposal.

M/S: Futran/ Collins

Ayes: Porter, Collins, Futran, Cochran, Acampora

Noes: None

Abstain:

11. How to approach elder/older adult issues and concerns in Berkeley

Discussion. No action taken

12. Commission liaisons- Reports and updates

Discussion. No action taken

13. Work Plan 2022

Discussion. No action taken

Commissioners adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary



Commission on Aging
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INFORMATION CALENDAR

June 29, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Commission on Aging
Submitted by: Ethel Murphy, Chairperson, Commission on Aging
Subject: 2021 Commission on Aging Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

To enhance the quality of life for people 55 years and older in the Berkeley Community, and to increase public awareness of their contributions and needs by actively promoting their health, safety, independence and participation in our community.

Having built both a policy-focused and service-focused framework of senior needs in Berkeley, the Commission on Aging has adopted a set of priorities to advance to the City Council which will serve to organize and direct the Commission's work in the coming years.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Commission on Aging has focused much of its energy on identifying the spectrum and intricacies of senior needs within the city. The Commission has worked to establish a broad knowledge base of City projects, services, and resources which it can use to best address these needs and meet policy and service shortcomings which affect daily life for Berkeley seniors. Given the Commission's consistent work and communication with City commissions, City task forces, the Aging Services Division, and Berkeley's citizenry, the Commission plans to use this information and knowledge to construct a cohesive set of priorities through which it will hold itself accountable to the needs of the public.

PRIORITIES

1. Referrals from Council

- a. Staff time will be used to gather the needed official documents for the commission and, when necessary, coordinate presentations from and communications with the relevant City departments and Commissions regarding these referrals
- b. Commission will take up these issues during regular meetings and, when necessary, create sub-committees to examine these in greater depth.

- c. Reports to Council will be submitted when asked to respond to the specific request in order to reinforce the practice of ensuring that the needs of Seniors are taken into consideration during the development of municipal policy.

2. Support Berkeley Age Friendly Initiatives

- a. Staff time will be used to coordinate Age Friendly “town halls” when necessary, for coordination of presentations to the commission from guests relevant to Age Friendly issues and for assistance in the preparation of recommendations to Council.
- b. If and when needed, the commission will hold “town halls” to better inform the public of the progress of Age Friendly Initiatives in relation to “The Age-Friendly Berkeley Action Plan”. The commission will also seek public input and discussion regarding that Action Plan. Commission will identify key issues in the Age Friendly Initiatives strategic plan and communicate with relevant commissions urging support for the policies that reflect these.
- c. Increased awareness of and communication regarding “The Age-Friendly Berkeley Action Plan” will be maintained as well as recommendations to City Council regarding Age Friendly Initiatives. Short-term desired change is broader community and municipal consideration of age-friendliness. Long-term desired changes are Age-friendly concerns being reflected in the development of all, relevant, city policies.
- d. Enhancing broad participation, public policy engagement, and involvement of the community in Commission meetings.

3. Advocate for Needs of Older Citizens in the Implementation of alternative & senior-friendly transportation modes in conjunction with “Safe-Streets” and parking issues.

- a. Staff time will be used for coordination of presentations to the commissions from guests relevant to the changes in both emerging transportation options and the public policies surrounding these.
- b. Commission will seek public input from Berkeley citizens regarding this changing landscape. The Commission will also designate two commissioners to research the ramifications of these changes specifically as regards Berkeley’s growing senior population. When necessary, the

commission will send liaisons to Transportation Commission to directly communicate any concerns we might have.

- c. The Commission will make recommendations to other commissions regarding these concerns. Commission will develop recommendations for City Council regarding these transportation and associated issues as regards the elder population.
- d. Short-term desired changes: more public awareness of the senior specific concerns surrounding these issues and how these concerns apply to making changes to our current situation. Long-term desired changes: to ensure that these concerns are taken into account as the situation changes resulting in new policy proposals. To report to council about these and make suggestions as to how any senior-specific negative effects can be mitigated and/or positive effects be enhanced.

4. Advocate for Affordable Housing for Older Adults as well as other housing policies that are consistent with Berkeley's commitment to encouraging "Aging in Place" and/or "Aging in Community"

- a. Staff time will be used for coordination of presentations to the commission from guests with information relevant to these issues and to give aid in communication with Council and other City entities.
- b. The commission will designate two commissioners to identify relevant City Council agenda items and report back to commission. When necessary, the commission will send liaisons to other commissions to address concerns during public comment. The commission may form a subcommittee in order to better prepare any recommendations it may have for council. The commission will invite relevant speakers to present on key issues related to housing policy at commission meetings.
- c. Commission will actively seek input from Berkeley's aging citizens regarding housing. A clearer understanding of the range of housing concerns facing Berkeley's increasing older population as well as better communication between the City, its various departments and the elder population itself regarding the issue. Recommendations to Council addressing policies that will enable our elder citizens to remain in Berkeley will be made if necessary.
- d. Short-term desired changes are that current housing policies don't discourage our older citizens from remaining in Berkeley. Long-term desired changes are that any changes to our housing policies not only

support the current living situations of elder residents when possible, but also allow for changing residence while still remaining in Berkeley.

5. Examine the work-plans and agendas of other commissions for elder relevant items.

- a. Individual commissioners (with some assistance of staff) will be encouraged to examine the work-plans and agendas of certain, other commissions of their choice for items that may affect the health, well-being, and community participation of the aging population and report back to the full commission regarding these.
- b. When deemed helpful, the CoA will send liaisons to these other commissions to state our position on relevant items. In other cases, we will simply communicate via email with these other commissioners.
- c. Timely input given to other commissions regarding policies early in the process of development. When necessary, communication to City Council regarding those elements of other commission's policy development and/or planning that we deem relevant to senior concerns.
- d. Short term desired changes are other commissions considering the needs of elders as these relate to specific items on their calendar and ensuring that the concerns of our elder community are reflected in all phases of the policy making and planning process.

BACKGROUND

The City of Berkeley's Commission on Aging is naming the following advocacy categories as "Commission Priorities" on which its members will focus their collective efforts. The Commission will prioritize policy and programming in these priority categories in order to impact and benefit the lives of older adults in a Berkeley whose senior population continues to grow. Each category includes a sampling of priority projects on which the Commission will focus subsequent Commission meetings and discussions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Commission's work plan does not directly affect the environmental sustainability of the city, yet many of our priorities may lead to a more economical use of City land and commercial/residential spaces. Our work plan may positively impact City expenditures by reducing numbers of homeless individuals and reducing the physical and mental health needs of our seniors that may require emergency attention.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, the Commission will draft and submit recommendations and communications to Council when necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

The Commission's work plan does not itself have any fiscal impact. The execution of many projects outlined in the work plan, however, may require the allocation of existing City funds and services.

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Ethel Murphy, Chairperson

Alex Blumstein, Vice Chair, Commission on Aging

ALL MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL!!!

<u>Commission:</u>	<u>Liaison:</u>	<u>Meeting dates & locations:</u>
Disaster and Fire Safety Commission	COLLINS	4 th Wednesday @7:00 pm -Fire Dept. Training Facility 997 Cedar St.
Parks and Waterfront Commission	COLLINS	2 nd Wednesday @7:00 pm -Frances Albrier Community Center 2800 Park St.
Transportation Commission	Murphy , Porter	3 rd Thursday @ 7:00 pm -Willow Room 1326 Allston Way, Corp Yard
Commission on the Status of Women	COCHRAN	4th Monday @ 6:00 pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.
Planning Commission		1 st Wednesday @ 7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.

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Homeless Commission	COCHRAN	2 nd Wednesday @7:00pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.
Animal Care Commission		3 rd Wednesday @7:00 pm -Berkeley Animal Shelter 1 Bolivar Dr.
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission		3 rd Wednesday @7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Commission on Disability	ACAMPORA	1 st Wednesday @6:00 pm -Willow Room 1326 Allston Way, Corp Yard
Housing Advisory Commission		1 st Thursday @7:00 pm -South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Community Health Commission-	NOT IN SESSION	4 th Thursday @6:30 pm

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		-South Berkeley Senior Center 2939 Ellis St.
Mental Health Commission		4 th Thursday @7:00 pm 1947 Center St.
Peace and Justice Commission		1 st Monday @7:00 pm -1st Floor, Cypress Room 2180 Milvia St.