



Commission on Aging
Gabriella Castello-Kramer, Chair
Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St.
Berkeley, CA 94703

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
1:00 p.m.

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 May 17, 2017. (Attachment A)

Updates/ 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. Presentation: Renaming the South Berkeley Senior Center to the Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center. *Talia Stender, Office of Councilmember Ben Bartlett's.* (Attachment B)
 - a. Public Comment
5. Review and approval of correspondence to City Council to request that City Council seek alternatives to web input for "Berkeley Considers."
6. Review of Housing Trust Fund Priorities Memorandum and development of feedback to provide the Housing Advisory Commission (Attachment C)
7. Review of previous communication to City Council to recommend that City Council members meet with their appointed commissioners annually.
8. Review of role of Commission on Aging (Attachment D).
9. Future Agenda Items

Information Items

Announcements (5 minutes)

Adjournment

Communications

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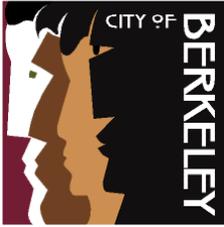
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COMMISSION ON AGING DRAFT Minutes

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94709

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
1:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: (7) Castello-Kramer; Porter; Schechner; Gordon, Howard, Murphy, Candau

Absent: (0)

Excused Absent: None

Staff Present: Leah Talley; Richard Castrillon

Public: Lisa Siragusa

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Minutes were approved after edits to Item 3.

M/S: Porter/ Schechner

Ayes: Murphy, Schechner, Gordon, Howard, Castello-Kramer, Candau, Porter

Noes: None

4. Referral to the Commission on Aging from City Council: Rename the South Berkeley Senior Center to the "Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center."

Discussion, Action taken:

Approval of Commission on Aging to have the June meeting at the South Berkeley Senior Center.

M/S: Porter/Castello-Kramer

Ayes: Porter, Castello-Kramer, Murphy, Schechner, Gordon, Howard, Candau

Noes: None

Approval by Commission on Aging to add agenda item to invite public on renaming SBSC to Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center and to invite Councilmember Ben Bartlett to present information about the renaming proposal.

M/S: Schechner/Porter

Ayes: Porter, Castello-Kramer, Murphy, Schechner, Howard, Candau

Noes: None

Abstain: Gordon

The Commission requested to explore the possibility of adding an item to “Berkeley Considers”: “Commission on Aging seeking input here on renaming SBSC to the Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center. We also invite you to attend the Commission on Aging meeting at the South Berkeley Senior Center on June 21st at 1:00pm.”

M/S: Porter/Castello-Kramer

Ayes: Porter, Castello-Kramer, Murphy, Schechner, Gordon, Howard, Candau

Noes: None

5. Presentation: Aging Friendly Berkeley – Leah Talley, Manager of Aging Services

Discussion, no action taken.

6. Communication with council: Recommendation by Commission on Aging in April 19, 2017 regular meeting to establish phone line equivalent to “Berkeley Considers” online forum.

Discussion, no action taken

7. Presentation: North Berkeley Senior Center (NBSC) Advisory Council – Lisa Siragusa, NBSC Advisory Council member.

Discussion, no action taken.

8. Review of role of Commission on Aging and review of City of Berkeley Strategic Plan.

Moved to next month’s agenda.

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Review previous recommendation to have City Council members meet with their appointed commissioners annually.
- b. Review approval for City Council to look into alternatives for “Berkeley Considers.”
- c. Review of role of Commission on Aging and review of City of Berkeley Strategic Plan.

Commissioners adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary



Councilmember Ben Bartlett
City of Berkeley, District 3

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 4, 2017

To: Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Councilmember Kriss Worthington,
Councilmember Kate Harrison, Mayor Jesse Arreguin

Subject: Referral to the Public Works Commission and the Commission on Aging:
Rename the South Berkeley Senior Center the "Henry Ramsey Jr. South
Berkeley Senior Center"

RECOMMENDATION

That Council refer the Public Works Commission and the Commission on Aging to coordinate renaming the South Berkeley Senior Center the "Henry Ramsey Jr. South Berkeley Senior Center."

BACKGROUND

The late Henry Ramsey Jr., who died in Berkeley on March 14, 2014, at age 80, was a Berkeley City Council member (1973-77), lawyer, judge, professor, law school dean, activist, and U.S. military veteran. To the central point of this document, during his tenure on the City Council he spearheaded the local movement to establish vibrant, reachable centers for all senior citizens of Berkeley. But his "positive effect on the community," as mentioned in the City of Berkeley's Policy for Naming and Renaming Public Facilities, was virtually lifelong – locally and in the larger community.

Henry Ramsey Jr. was born and grew up in the segregated Deep South. He dropped out of high school and on his 17th birthday enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. After honorable discharge he enrolled as a first-year student at Howard University, Washington, D.C., and later transferred to the University of California, Riverside (UCR), where he was a member of the debate team and the baseball team and graduated in May 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. While at UCR, according to an interview with one of his former UCR professors in the transcript of an oral-history project, Judge Ramsey started a one-man desegregation picket of the downtown Riverside Woolworth's. Accepted for admission in 1960 to three law schools, he chose the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, where he was one of two African Americans among 268 entering students in the graduating Class of 1963. He taught for 10 years as a member of the Boalt Hall faculty and eventually served as dean of the Howard University School of Law.

As noted by Benjamin Todd Jealous, then-president and CEO of the NAACP, in Judge Ramsey's autobiography (*The Life Story of Henry Ramsey Jr.*, Hardscratch Press, 2008), "... His frank and eloquent account of the journey from Jim Crow childhood to a life of activism, public service, and high achievement will be familiar to some, a revelation to others. The challenge he issues is for all. ..."

To list just a few among the challenges he himself *accepted*, besides his years in academia: Serving as the second-ever African American assistant district attorney in Contra Costa County. While an attorney in private practice, successfully representing a group of Black police officers in their pioneering racial discrimination suit against the City of Richmond. Traveling on his own, at the height of anti-civil rights violence in the 1960s, to Selma, Alabama – knowing no one in the area, being held by the police for several nights for the "crime" of picketing with a group of like-minded people in a segregated (white) neighborhood, and ultimately making the 5-day, 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery. Serving as an observer during the first free elections in South Africa.

In 1981, Henry Ramsey Jr. was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to the California Superior Court in Alameda County. Congresswoman Barbara Lee has referred to Judge Ramsey as "a renowned leader in the fight for social justice [who was] acutely aware of the role the judicial system plays. His dedication improved the lives of many and inspired all of those around him."

In an interview with the *East Bay Times*, Judge Ramsey's son Charles Ramsey described his father as "a man who came west from the segregated South and built a life based on community service and tried to make the world a better place for as many people as possible." In Berkeley that came to include as many senior citizens as possible. Various churches had done their best for senior groups and individuals, but space and facilities and personnel were limited and the need was growing. In response, then-Councilman Ramsey worked extensively with the senior community and lobbied his fellow Council members to approve the use of the City's new federal block grant funds to construct three senior facilities that could also be used for other community programs, with the consent of the seniors themselves. The South Berkeley Senior Center, the first to be completed, opened its doors in January 1979, followed by centers in West and North Berkeley.

"While the two centers in the mostly black areas of West and South Berkeley had been brought to my attention first," Judge Ramsey wrote in his autobiography, "I knew about the North Berkeley center that served a mostly white population. To my thinking, every senior in Berkeley deserved to be treated well, without regard to neighborhood, ethnicity, nationality, race, or religion."

Throughout his long and varied professional life, Judge Ramsey was an active presence in the lives of his children and grandchildren. After retiring from his position as dean of the Howard University School of Law, he began devoting his time and experience to various programs focused on youth education and juvenile justice. At the time of his death, he was on the Board of Directors for the Center for Youth Development for Law as well as the National Center for Human Rights Education, and an active member of a

number of other civic and legal organizations. His work earned him many awards, citations and honorary degrees. But his most important accomplishment in the City of Berkeley and the one in which he took most pride was the construction of the three senior centers. Every out-of-town visitor to the Ramsey home would start their tour at the South Berkeley center. There could be no tribute better suited to the life of Judge Henry Ramsey Jr. than to have the South Berkeley Senior Center named in his honor.

Henry Ramsey Jr. is survived by his wife of 45 years, Eleanor Mason Ramsey, Ph.D., six children, and eight grandchildren.

The City of Berkeley's Policy for Naming and Renaming Public Facilities – "The naming of a public facility or any parts thereof in recognition of an individual posthumously may only be considered if the individual had a positive effect on the community and has been deceased for more than 1 year" – describes Judge Henry Ramsey Jr.

We respectfully request that the Council honor Judge Ramsey's legacy by naming the South Berkeley Senior Center after him.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

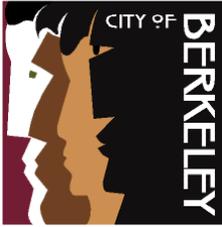
Minimal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No negative impact.

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Health Housing and
Community Services Department
Housing & Community Services Division

MEMORANDUM

To: Commission on Aging
Commission on Disability
Homeless Commission
Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
Mental Health Commission

From: Amy Davidson, Senior Community Development Project Coordinator

Date: May 12, 2017

Subject: Input on Housing Trust Fund Priorities

On June 13, 2017, the City Council will consider whether to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) the Housing Trust Fund. I am writing to request the Commissions' input on priorities for the RFP if one is released.

The Housing Trust Fund is where the City pools its funding for affordable housing development. The City typically provides assistance in the form of a loan to a rental housing developer in exchange for housing that is affordable to households with low incomes for at least 55 years. The feasibility of each proposed project and the capacity of the applicant to deliver the proposed projects are major factors in the City's evaluation. More information about the Housing Trust Fund appears in its Guidelines online at <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/ContentDisplay.aspx?id=6532>.

Issuing an RFP at this time will also help the City identify developments to apply for Alameda County A1 housing bond funds.

The process established in the Housing Trust Fund Guidelines includes asking relevant Commissions for input on what priorities will be included in the RFP for consideration by staff and the Housing Advisory Commission. Priorities identified could include types or sizes of units, populations or incomes to be served, or other considerations. Having your input by June 5th, 2017 would give the Housing Advisory Commission the most time to consider your input and Commissions can still provide input after that date.

Thank you for your consideration and feedback!

A Vibrant and Healthy Berkeley for All

Chapter 3.16 COMMISSION ON AGING

Sections:

- [3.16.010](#) Established--Number of members--Appointments and vacancy filling.
- 3.16.030 Repealed by Ord. 7027-NS
- [3.16.040](#) Liaison representatives to other City entities--Functions.
- [3.16.050](#) Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.
- [3.16.060](#) Functions.

3.16.010 Established--Number of members--Appointments and vacancy filling.

A Commission on Aging is established. Said commission shall consist of nine members. Appointments to the commission shall be made by councilmembers, and vacancies on the commission shall be filled by councilmembers in accordance with the provisions of Sections [2.04.030](#) through [2.04.130](#) of this code, enacted as Ordinance 4780-NS by the voters of the City. (Ord. 6036-NS § 1, 1991: Ord. 4811-NS § 1 (part), 1975: Ord. 4492-NS § 1, 1970)

3.16.040 Liaison representatives to other City entities--Functions.

Subject to the approval of the council in each case, the commission may designate one of its members to act as a liaison representative to any other board, commission or committee of the City. The functions of such liaison representatives are to attend meetings of such other board, commission or committee; advise this commission of the background, attitudes and reasons behind the actions of such other board, commission or committee; and, on request of any member of such other board, commission or committee, to advise such other board, commission or committee of policy, procedures and decisions of this commission that may bear upon matters under discussion by such other board, commission or committee. Such liaison representative shall have no power to vote. (Ord. 4492-NS § 8, 1970)

3.16.050 Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.

- A. The commission shall elect one of its members president and one of its members vice-president.
- B. An officer or employee of the City designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary of the commission.
- C. The commission shall establish a regular place and time for meeting. All meetings shall be noticed as required by law and shall be scheduled in a way to allow for maximum input from the public. The frequency of

meetings shall be as determined by City Council resolution. The scheduling of special meetings in addition to those established by City Council resolution, except special meetings that take the place of cancelled regular meetings, shall be subject to approval by the City Council. A request for a special meeting shall include the reason for the proposed meeting and should be expedited on the City Council' s agenda, or in the alternative, placed before the Agenda Committee for approval.

D. The commission may make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures which are not inconsistent with this chapter or any other applicable ordinance of the City.

E. A majority of the members appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed is required to take any action. The commission shall keep an accurate record of its proceedings and transactions and shall submit an annual report to the City Council with a copy to the City Manager. (Ord. 6891-NS § 1, 2006: Ord. 5367-NS § 1, 1981: Ord. 4811-NS § 1 (part), 1975: Ord. 4492-NS § 9, 1970)

3.16.060 Functions.

A. The functions of the commission shall be to:

1. Identify the needs of the aging of the community and create a citizen awareness of these needs;
2. Encourage improved standards of services to the aging and encourage establishment of needed new services for the aging, both public and private, and in so doing, encourage coordination among organizations providing services to the aging in the community and provide advice and assistance thereto; in cooperation with other agencies collect, maintain and interpret information and statistics on the aging for the use of citizens and organizations in the City; encourage preparation of publications and results of study and research pertaining to the aging;
3. Advise the City Council on all matters affecting the aging in the community;
4. Render advice and assistance to other City boards and commissions, to City departments and to private agencies on matters affecting the aging;
5. Perform such other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council.

B. In prescribing the above duties and functions of the commission it is not the intent of this council to duplicate or overlap the functions, duties or responsibilities heretofore or hereafter assigned to any other City board or commission or to a City department. As to such functions or responsibilities above set forth which are partially or wholly the responsibilities of another board or commission or of a department of the City, the commission will render assistance and advice to such board, commission or department as may be requested.
(Ord. 4492-NS § 10, 1970)