COMMISSION ON AGING
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center  Wednesday, October 17, 2018
1901 Hearst Avenue  1:00 p.m.
Berkeley, CA 94709

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 September 19, 2018. (Attachment A)

Presentations

4.

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.

5. Communication to Transportation Commission regarding Electric Scooter pilot
   program.

6. Commission liaisons- Reports & Updates in accordance with the Work Plan.
   (Attachment B & C)

Forum starting at 2:00 PM

7. Commission on Aging will be hosting an Age Friendly Forum to share the results
   of the community survey and receive feedback from the public.

Future Agenda Items
Information/ Update Items

a. The Commission on Aging has been approved to meet at the South Berkeley Senior Center during the renovation and seismic upgrade of the North Berkeley Senior Center on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM starting January 16, 2019.

Announcements (5 minutes)

Adjournment

Communications

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1. Roll Call
   Present: (5) Howard; Candau; Young; Gordon; Porter
   Absent: (1) Castello-Kramer
   Excused Absent: (2) Schechner; Murphy
   Staff Present: (2) Richard Castrillon, Tanya Bustamante
   Public: (2) Dave Peattie, Pablo Gasner

2. Public Comment
   Dave Peattie from Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network informed the commission of their Emergency Preparedness Event at San Pablo Park on October 20, 2018.

3. Approval of July 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.
   M/S: Porter/ Howard
   Ayes: Porter, Howard, Gordon, Young
   Noes: None
   Abstain: None

4. Presentation by the Transportation Commission concerning Electric Scooters Sharing in Berkeley.
   Discussion; no action taken

5. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Follow-up.
   Discussion; no action taken

   Discussion; no action taken

7. Approval of Commission on Aging hosting an Age Friendly Forum to share the results of the community survey and receive feedback.
   M/S: Porter/ Candau
   Ayes: Porter, Howard, Gordon, Young, Candau
   Noes: None
   Abstain: None

8. Motion to approve Work Plan for the Commission on Aging- DENIED
   M/S: Porter/ Gordon
   Ayes: Porter, Howard, Gordon,
Noes: None
Abstain: Candau, Young

9. Future Agenda Items
   a. 
   b. 

Commissioners adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved on:

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Richard Castrillon, Commission Secretary
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-Fire Dept. Training Facility  
997 Cedar St. |
| Parks and Waterfront Commission | Gordon | 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @7:00 pm  
-Frances Albrier Community Center  
2800 Park St. |
| Transportation Commission | Murphy, Porter | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7:00 pm  
-North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave. |
| Board of Library Trustees | | 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @6:30 pm  
-South Branch Library  
1901 Russell St. |
| Planning Commission | | 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays @7:00 pm  
-North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave. |
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| Mental Health Commission | Castello-Kramer | 4th Thursday @7:00 pm  
- North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave. |
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| Peace and Justice Commission | Castello-Kramer | 1st Monday @7:00 pm  
- North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave. |
Work Program: City of Berkeley Commission on Aging

The City of Berkeley’s Commission on Aging (CoA) has spent the last 1-1/2 calendar years assessing (and acting on this ongoing assessment) the means by which it could effectively achieve its goals as delineated in its previous work plan. In that work plan, the CoA identified 4 priority areas and established sub-committees focused on these. As time passed, though there was some modest accomplishments from the subcommittees’ work, the mechanism proved cumbersome and somewhat isolating and this was sadly exacerbated by the loss of a number of commission members through illness, death or just needing to leave Berkeley. As the commission’s ranks have grown again, the consensus has been that establishing better back and forth communication with other commissions as well as community members and organizations would at this point be a more effective way to spend our energies.

To that end, the CoA requested of Council that the commission be allowed to establish formal liaisons with other commissions whose purviews overlapped with the CoA’s areas of concern. Council recently granted the CoA this permission. The Commission has also been considering the ways in which it can encourage more public attendance at its meetings in order to ensure greater community awareness of and engagement in the issues it is focused on.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS:

To the observation of the longer term CoA members, a core problem the commission faces is that “issues of aging” concerns are simply not enough “on the radar” of other commissions whose actions may effect the well being of that demographic. Though the situation has somewhat improved recently, not sufficiently so with the result being that these concerns are often not taken into account in the initial planning phases of policies and projects.

In turn, the end result is that by the time these policies and projects are brought to the CoA’s attention, effectively integrating the CoA’s recommendations requires backtracking which can be painful and is often met with resistance. CoA members strongly feel that both the backtracking and friction are unnecessary and a waste of limited resources. To help to address this problem and in the wake of Council’s recent approval, the CoA has now begun the process of establishing the needed lines of communication with these other
commissions.

BACKGROUND:

A) PREVIOUS WORK PLAN

As stated in the previous work plan, The City of Berkeley’s Commission on Aging’s “Commission Priorities” are:

1. Housing

a. Creating a sustainable model of affordable housing for low-income seniors in conjunction with City officials and commissions

b. Creating and allocating supportive housing units for homeless seniors in new housing developments within the City

c. Ensuring representation of resident voices in long term care and senior housing decision-making

2. Communication and Civic Engagement

a. Establishing a centralized information dissemination platform and adopting methods of expanded outreach to Berkeley elders

b. Providing stimulating volunteer opportunities for older adults

c. Expanding and maintaining older adult education and Senior Center services

d. Enhancing broad participation, public policy engagement, and involvement of the community in Commission meetings

3. Health

a. Investigating and enforcing nursing home violations, elder abuse, and City board and care center oversight

b. Ensuring the provision of senior-specific mental health services and senior-specific crisis training for providers and intervention teams
c. Assisting with transitions to coordinated care and connecting uninsured seniors with resources

4. Transportation and Safety

a. Ensuring the funding and provision of affordable senior and disabled transportation services

b. Assessing crosswalk/traffic signal safety and making intersections accessible and safe for seniors

c. Assessing City lighting and sidewalk integrity for senior safety purposes

B) MORE RECENTLY

In line with these priorities we have requested and received permission to send liaisons to these key Berkeley commissions:

1 - Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
2 - Parks and Waterfront Commission
3 - Transportation Commission
4 - Board of Library Trustees
5 - Planning Commission
6 - Homeless Commission
7 - Animal Care Commission
8 - Human Welfare and Community Action Commission
9 - Commission on Disability
10 - Housing Advisory Commission
11 - Community Health Commission
12 - Mental Health Commission
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 more effectively planning ahead for the needs of our rapidly growing senior population, by reducing numbers of homeless individuals and by reducing the physical and mental health needs of our seniors that may require emergency attention.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

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.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIONS

All actions allowed for under “3.16.040 Liaison representatives to other City entities” as specifically approved by Council.
If needed, in addition to the CoA’s regular schedule, a “special meeting” during the day on a weekend to facilitate broader community participation by both Berkeley’s retired senior population and those who are still in the workforce. Based on Commission research and any public hearings, the Commission will draft and submit recommendations and communications to Council when necessary.