

ACTION MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING
Meeting of the Advisory Committee

Emeryville Senior Center – Conference Room
4321 Salem St, Emeryville, CA 94608

Wednesday, May 13 @ 10am

1. Call to Order – 10:00am
2. Roll Call – All present
3. Public Comment – none
4. Approval of March 11th, 2026, Regular Meeting Action Minutes - Approved
5. Action Items – None
6. Information Items
- 6.1 Committee Goals Strategy discussion
 - Homebound Outreach: Members reviewed rising homebound senior estimates, including data citing nearly half of seniors as homebound in some regions. Examples from Oakland’s Human Services and volunteer-stipend models were discussed. The Commission explored options for structured check-ins, including weekly phone calls, pairing volunteers with isolated seniors, and incorporating Meals on Wheels and Mercy Brown Bag registration numbers to identify those most in need. The upcoming Alameda County outreach grant was identified as a key opportunity.
 - Demographic Data: Members emphasized that accurate demographic data must precede targeted interventions. Current estimates suggest 1,000–1,500 seniors in Emeryville, but this does not include granular breakdowns such as age brackets, poverty levels, living arrangements, and service utilization. The Commission will request updated senior demographics from Alameda County and voter registration records, focusing on seniors 55+.
 - Pedestrian Safety: Multiple hazardous intersections were discussed, especially Powell & Christie and 40th & San Pablo. Members highlighted lived experiences with near misses and mobility challenges. The discussion emphasized crosswalk timing, signage updates, uneven walkability within neighborhoods, and potential low-cost fixes, with recognition that larger structural improvements may fall outside Commission authority but warrant formal recommendations.
 - Support Groups: The Commission reiterated commitment to establishing an Alzheimer’s/Dementia caregiver support group while exploring the possibility of broader support offerings. Ideas included groups for grief, end-of-life concerns,

isolation, and general caregiver stress. The importance of culturally responsive facilitation and partnerships with organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and Ashby Village was noted.

- **Hunger & Food Insecurity:** Members discussed rising food insecurity, noting that 27% of Emeryville seniors live in poverty. The Commission reviewed data from congregate meals, Mercy Brown Bag, and Meals on Wheels, identifying gaps between program registration and actual attendance. Potential solutions included outreach campaigns, identifying funding for supplemental food programs, and evaluating feasibility of additional pantry distribution days.

6.2 Committee Reports Update –

- **Parks & Recreation:** No new updates.
- **Friends of Senior Center:** Recent rummage sale raised approximately \$500 despite storm conditions; considerations underway for future participation deposits and an outdoor summer event.
- **Senior Center:** Attendance trends show reduced in-person event participation due to rising costs of living; field trips remain highly subscribed. New bus drivers are onboarding to restore service capacity. Upcoming Prom night and Summer barbecues beginning second Friday of each month June – September.

7. Future Agenda Items

7.1 Review of Age Friendly Domains

8. Announcements / Member Comments

9. Adjournment