



ACTION MINUTES

COMMISSION ON AGING

Meeting of the Advisory Committee

ECCL – Building B Conference Room
4727 San Pablo Ave, Emeryville, CA 94608

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

1. Call to Order – 10:00am
2. Roll Call – Absent: Member Watman, Chair Strauss
3. Public Comment – none
4. Approval of September 10th, 2025, Regular Meeting Action Minutes - Approved
5. Action Items – None
6. Information Items

6.1 Senior Oriented Volunteer Core / Help Desk Update

- Help Desk open Wednesdays, 11 AM – 1 PM
- Since July: 37 visits over 20 open days; average 2 per day
- Six core volunteers; new laptop installed for client-facing use
- IT volunteer digitizing resource directories; database in progress
- Internship program in development with Samuel Merritt University; MOU signed, awaiting supervisor assignment
- Volunteer Coordinator position reopened; recruitment underway
- Exploring phone-in option for referrals; currently face-to-face only

6.2 Grant Subcommittee Appointments

- Community Promotions: Calvin Dillahunty (primary), Wendy Bojin-Liston (backup)
- Visual Arts: Dianne Rush Woods (primary), John Suter (backup)
- Applications close February 18; subcommittee meetings anticipated in March

6.3 Intergenerational Programming – Christen Gray

- Weekly 'Spartans & Seniors' events through April
- Activities: arts & crafts, pickleball, board games, tech help at Apple Store
- Ideas: memory projects, storytelling, gardening, sailing, music exchanges
- Tax assistance update: United Way no longer providing on-site service; exploring field trip to tax prep sites and library partnerships

6.4 Committee Reports Update

- Parks & Rec: Valentine's Day park cleanup; Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights finalized



- PAPCO: County transportation funding dipped slightly; expanding wheelchair-accessible vehicle program; senior eligibility lowered to age 75
- Friends of ESC: Holiday Gala attendance 108; raised \$1,000 via raffles; Holiday Marketplace successful upstairs; popcorn fundraiser ongoing
- Upcoming events: Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, Black History Month
- Senior Center: New Friday socials launched; volunteer coordinator and bus driver positions posted; newsletter push for email sign-ups

7. Future Agenda Items

- Meeting location recommendation (proposal to move meetings to Senior Center conference room)
- Caregiver support discussion
- Review of Age-Friendly Domains
- 2026 Goal Setting for April City Council presentation
- Pedestrian and traffic safety concerns (Powell & Christie intersections)
- Flower arrangement idea for meetings (rotating responsibility)

8. Announcements / Member Comments

- Discussion on structural safety and slip/fall hazards near Senior Center
- Coordinate with Public Works and BPAC on street safety improvements
- Interest in continuing intergenerational and nature-based initiatives

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.