Kern County Commission On Aging
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Commission On Aging
"Making a difference in the lives of senior citizens."

REGULAR COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING
MINUTES
October 16, 2017
California City Senior Center
10221 Heather Avenue
California City, CA 93505

OPENING
CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Grasty called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:
The flag salute was completed and a moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS *(*Chairperson, **Vice Chairperson, *** Parliamentarian)*
Commission Members Present:
Chris Barrett, Susan Bodnar, Gloria Brown, Linda Fuller, **Kris Grasty, Norma Jackson, Antoinette Johnston, Jon Johnston, Stephanie Lynch, Linda Oswald, Roger Oswald, Marti Overfield, and Yolanda Prado

Excused Absences: Doris Duquette, Aaron Flucker, Loron Hodge, Barbara Goodlow, and Sandy Morris
A QUORUM WAS PRESENT

Honorary Commission Members Present:
Harley Baker

Aging and Adult Services Staff Present:
Luanne Jones, Senior Nutrition Program Coordinator
Laura Juarez, Senior Office Services Specialist

Guests:
Patricia Gable, Virginia Clemons, Gary Clemons, Darlene Thomas, Michael S. Edmiston, Janice Gibson, Elvia Cardiel, and Catherine Vasquez

AGENDA & MINUTES
POSTING:
Lito Morillo confirmed the agenda had been posted per provisions of the Brown Act.

CORRESPONDENCE:
A letter of thanks was sent to Richard Taylor of Veterans Services Department thanking him for his involvement with the "Kern County Line Where We Honor Veterans" signs that were strategically placed throughout Kern County lines.

COMMENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST
Public Comments:
Mike Edmiston, of California City, CA, thanked the Commission on Aging (COA) on behalf of the California City Senior Center for having a meeting at their center, and also for hosting the East Kern Senior Celebration at the California City Senior Center. He thanked the COA for always remembering California City and is looking forward to future events. The California City Senior Center has an active group and they have several activities. This center is very fortunate to have a lot of volunteers to help with senior nutrition and wherever needed.

Commissioner Comments:
Commissioner Jackson thanked Luanne Jones and the California City Senior Center nutrition staff for the great meal.

Chair Grasty announced new appointments for the COA committees will be coming up in January 2018. If any Commissioner would like to added or removed to/from a committee, please let her know.

ACTION ITEMS
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the September 18, 2017 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting were approved with the following amendment:
  1. Under "CALL TO ORDER" ADD "Vice-Chair Prado" and remove "Chair Grasty."

  Motion/Second/Abstained/Opposed (M/S/A/O)
  Brown/Barrett/Grasty, A. Johnston, J. Johnston, S. Lynch/None - Motion carried.
- **APPROVAL OF CO-HOSTING THE HEALTHY HARVEST RESOURCE FAIR:** The proposal for the COA to Co-host the Healthy Harvest Resource Fair with Aging and Adult Services on March 17, 2018 at St. John's Church on Brundage Ln. was approved. The Marketing team will work on a name for the event. One name suggestion was "Spring Alive Resource Fair."
  M/S/A/O – Jackson/Overfield/None/None – Motion Carried.

SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS:
SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Luanne Jones
Luanne Jones reported California City Senior Center is an extremely active center and relies heavily on the volunteers. Numbers are down in the southeast desert Meals on Wheels. There may be an influx of people coming in November and December. The delivery route is handled strictly by volunteers. All senior centers will be participating in the Great America Shake-Out.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION- Leslie Wallace
Not in attendance.

VETERANS SERVICE – Richard Taylor
Not in attendance.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES – Meseret Springer
Not in attendance.

KERN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES – Yadira Melgoza
Not in attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS) – Patricia Gable
Patricia Gable reported she is based out at the Mojave office. The Mojave office handles on-going CalWorks, Foodstamps, Medi-Cal, General Assistance, and intake applications. There is someone who can also assist with Medi-Cal questions.

EMPLOYERS' TRAINING RESOURCE (ETR) - Peggy Langels
Not in attendance.

PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES - Catherine Vasquez
Catherine Vasquez reported on two federally funded programs. The Home Accessibility Grant Program allows them to install ramps, handicapped showers, widen doorways, grab bars, and any other modifications to the home that assists the permanently physically disabled individuals to maneuver around the home easier. This program is for home owners and renters. The Home Improvement Loan program is for home owners only and allows them to repair or replace the home to bring it back up to building code. This is a no interest deferred loan and no monthly payment is required. A lien will be placed on the home and will be repaid when the home is sold or the home owner is no longer residing there.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (ILC) – Harvey Clowers
Not in attendance.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS
AASD SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION REPORT-

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Lito Morillo
Lito Morillo reported the Senate Bill 449 was signed into law by Governor Brown. This Bill increases Dementia training for Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA's) in nursing homes, assisted living home care, and hospitals.

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE) is the bill that the County has to pay their share as part of the IHSS program. The State wants to shift the cost to the county which will be a huge impact on the counties. In Fiscal Year 18-19 the MOE will go up to $1 million. The annual cost inflator will be increased by 5% of the previous share of cost for the following year.

The Department is renovating its building to allow for more interview rooms in the suite and consolidating to one lobby which will be at the 5343 Truxtun suite.

Medicare is sending out new Medicare Cards. These new cards will now have a unique identifier number and will no longer have Social Security Numbers printed on the cards. Cards will be issued April 1, 2018 through April 2019. Be careful with scams. Do not give out your social security number or information to callers. Medicare will not call you to issue a new Medicare card. The Social Security has increased the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) by 2%.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – L. Oswald, K. Grasty
No report.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE (CSL) – N. Jackson, M. Overfield
Commissioner Jackson reported there will be a one-day mini conference November 2, 2017 in Sacramento to vote on proposals. There will be no compensation for those attending.

COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT – L. Fuller; Y. Prado
Commissioner Fuller reported Chair Grasty was reappointed by District 5 for another two-year term. There were no new appointments. There is one expired term waiting on reappointment. There are three vacancies, and no new applications received.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – A. Flucker; M. Overfield
No report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – K. Grasty, A. Flucker, N. Jackson, J. Johnston, S. Lynch, L. Oswald,
Vice-Chair Prado reported the committee met on October 5, 2017 and discussed the agenda for this meeting. Also discussed were the Healthy Harvest Resource Fair, the COA Holiday Luncheon, and Commissioner Correspondence.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) ADVISORY – A. Flucker
No report.

LONG TERM CARE – C. Barrett; D. Duquette; L. Fuller; N. Jackson
Commissioner Barrett reported she talked with Devora Gonzalez of Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistant, Inc. Devora said she is still waiting on her appointment to the Commission on Aging.

MARKETING & ORIENTATION COMMITTEE – Y. Prado, D. Duquette, S. Lynch; S. Morris, M. Overfield,
No report.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE - G. Brown; J. Johnston
The California Senior Legislature (CSL) elections will be coming up. The Nomination Committee will be working on the elections.

SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY – A. Flucker, K. Grasty; J. Johnston; Y. Prado
Commissioner Johnston reported there were some changes done at the Shafter Senior Center. The recreation board redecorated the Shafter Senior Center.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – N. Jackson
Commissioner Jackson reported she mailed a birthday card and will be mailing a get-well card to Commissioner Flucker, and to Commissioner Goodlow.

THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING COUNSEL OF CALIFORNIA (TAAC) – M. Overfield
Commissioner Overfield reported the next TAAC meeting is in December 4, 2017 in Sacramento.

TRANSPORTATION – Y. Prado; L. Fuller
Vice-Chair Prado reported the next meeting will be held October 17, 2017.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION – M. Overfield; G. Brown
Commissioner Overfield thanked Commissioner Brown for her help with the Volunteer Recognition.

INFORMATION ITEMS -
The COA Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Chalet Basque on December 13, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Attendees will order off of the menu. Gift cards will be accepted in lieu of a gift exchange to go towards Christmas for Seniors. Laura Juarez will prepare a flyer for the luncheon. All ex-officios are invited to attend.

Commissioner Jackson reported on the Senior Day at the Kern County Fair that was held September 22, 2017. It was a big success and the seniors had a great time.

The Healthy Harvest Resource Fair usually scheduled for October at Aging and Adult Services has been postponed to sometime in the spring at a location to be determined.

NEXT MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE MEETING	REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 2, 2017 **1:30 pm** **Aging and Adult Services** **Golden Generation Room** **5353 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA**	**Monday, November 20, 2017** **1:00 p.m.** **Wasco Senior Center** **1280 Poplar Avenue** **Wasco, CA 93280**

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lito Morillo
Secretary