



Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center. All meetings are open to the public.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

- **Bartlett Senior Citizens Center** -
Monday through Saturday from
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
Sundays: 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.

- **City Hall** -
3031 Torrance Boulevard
Monday through Friday
From 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Offices are closed alternate Fridays
and certain holidays.
November 11, 2019

City Hall will be closed Fridays:
October 11 and 25, 2019

COMMISSION ON AGING REGULAR MEETING

BARTLETT SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
HOSLER CONFERENCE ROOM
1318 CRAVENS AVENUE, TORRANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**
3. **FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL**
4. **MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 10, 2019.
6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, City Council cannot act on items raised during public comment, but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under Orals may speak only once and no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.
7. **ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS**
 - A. **City Council Activities**
 - B. **Housing**
 - C. **Health**
 - D. **Transportation**
 - E. **Community Programs**
 - F. **Focal Point Program**
 - G. **Elder Abuse/Fraud**
8. **ADJOURNMENT**
To a regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Creating and Enriching Community through People, Programs, and Partnerships

ROLL CALL: G. Davis _____ K. Davis _____ Dojiri _____ Grundhaus _____ Hileman _____
Mayfield _____ Virobik _____

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center.

2. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners G. Davis, K. Davis, Dojiri, Hileman, Mayfield, Virobik and Chairperson Grundhaus

Absent: None

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Reed

3. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Commissioners Dojiri led the Pledge of Allegiance and Irene Griffith provided the inspirations.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner G. Davis moved and Commissioner Hileman seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of September 10, 2019. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 13, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Hileman moved and Commissioner G. Davis seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of August 13, 2019, as submitted. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

A. City Council Activities

Commissioner Dojiri reported that the next public meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the City Charter would take place at the Council meeting on October 1, 2019. She noted that the following sections/topics would be under discussion: Section 603: vacancies, the positions of City Clerk and Treasurer to be appointed, rather than elected positions and clarifying language for the City Manager and City Attorney. She added that there would be a discussion on raising compensation for Council Members from \$100 to \$600 per month. She noted that some members of the public requested that the changes to the charter not be appear on the upcoming March ballot, as they wished to have more time to consider the changes.

Commissioner Dojiri stated that the current Treasurer was still absent, but was due to come back at the end of the month. She noted that currently the petition to recall the Treasurer did not have sufficient number of signatures and added that the deadline for obtaining signatures was sometime in mid-October.

Chairperson Grundhaus announced that the City Council would be speaking about the coyote report at the Council meeting on September 10.

Commissioner K. Davis reminded the Commission that a joint meeting with City Council was overdue and requested that the Commission begin to think of a topic that they would like to discuss during the joint meeting. Senior Recreation Supervisor Reed stated that she would look into the procedure for scheduling a joint meeting with City Council.

Commissioner Mayfield stated that Councilmember Herring was planning on attending the October meeting of the Commission on Aging.

B. Housing

Chairperson Grundhaus reported that she had attended a meeting on homelessness sponsored by the Board of Realtors, where Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti had spoken. She noted that although much was being done in Los Angeles to combat homelessness, it was not possible to keep up with the inflow of the newly homeless. She explained that she had learned that most of the homeless were homeless due to economic reasons, not due to drugs or mental illness. She stated that there was housing for the homeless being built in other cities.

There was a discussion of Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal (LAHOP), the creation of the data base of those experiencing homelessness and the different service provider areas (SPAs) within the county.

Recording Secretary stated that she would send the minutes and agenda of the Social Services Commission to the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Mayfield discussed the concept of micro apartments.

C. Health

Commissioner Hileman distributed information on Life Planning classes offered by H.E.L.P on healthcare, finances, eldercare and medication management as well as information and classes offered by Torrance Memorial Medical Center (TMCC) on caregiving training. She noted that TMCC rated #38 on a list of the Best Hospitals in the United States.

Chairperson Grundhaus stated that the Kiwanis collected plastic bottle caps to recycle to make into "buddy benches" for school sites.

D. Transportation

Commissioner Mayfield thanked Commissioner K. Davis for assisting her in contacting Transit Manager James Lee. She stated that Transit Manager Lee had given her the following information:

- Senior ridership had grown to over 13% of total ridership
- More Seniors were now taking advantage of the discounted senior fares of 25 cents (regular rate) and 75 cents rate on (Line 4 Express) which went to Long Beach and downtown Los Angeles
 - The senior taxi service would undergo some changes in the near future to add QR codes to the ID cards, so that the rider would no longer need to swipe the card.
 - Transit Department was looking into developing a smart phone app to allow riders to order rides on the senior taxi service, similar to the way that Uber and Lyft rides could be ordered
 - The new Transit Ride Regional Terminal had been scheduled to open in Spring 2019, barring any unforeseen delays.

- Two new Transit Depots would be unveiled near Del Amo Fashion Center in next few weeks
- Transit staff was getting ready for the holiday season and the next “stuff a bus” toy/ donation drive
- Transit staff was planning a spring bus trip with the Torrance Woman’s Club and Commission on Aging to either the beach or Exposition Park
- There were preliminary future plans to purchase electric cars and vehicles

E. Community Programs

Commissioner G. Davis announced that the Torrance Woman’s Club would be presenting a senior prom on October 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., tickets would cost \$35 per person and all proceeds would go to South Bay Village. Commissioner K. Davis added that four Police Officers and four Firefighters had been invited to come to dance with the seniors.

Chairperson Grundhaus reported that she was hosting a seminar at the Palos Verdes Bowl on September 17 at 3:00 p.m., on Reverse Mortgages and Rightsizing.

Commissioner G. Davis stated that South Bay Village would be hosting a volunteer party on November 7. She added that Redondo Beach would have a health fair in September and the Torrance Library would have a senior health fair at the Katy Geissert Library on September 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

F. Focal Point Program

Commissioner Virobik reported the following statistics for the month of:

August 2019

Total number of documented calls:	61	Total number of callbacks:	23
Miscellaneous calls:	74	Total number of walk-ins:	45
Total number of calls received:	135	Web Inquiries:	141

Of the documented calls:

41% were for housing	9.9% were for in home services
5% were for legal	

There was a discussion of New Challenge Ministries as a potential service provider. Chairperson Grundhaus stated that she would send Commissioner Virobik their contact information.

G. Elder Abuse/Fraud

There was a discussion on robo calls.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Librarian Babiari reported that former City Librarian Theyer had moved out of the area and that there was now an Acting City Librarian as well as an Acting Assistant City Librarian. She added that other Branch Manager positions were being filled as temporary move up positions. She noted that the City was still in a hiring freeze and that there were staff shortages at entry level positions. She explained that if the Commission wished to distribute brochures or flyers through the Library, they should contact the Acting City Librarian Wierzbicki and added that she would send the Commissioners Acting City Librarian Wierzbicki ‘s contact information.

Mr. Chet Craft distributed ten free tickets for seniors for the performance of Joanna goes “Motown” on Friday, September 13, 2019 at the Armstrong Theatre.

Ms. Sandra Bailey asked if there was City money available to offset the costs of City day trips. There was a discussion of trips available in other cities.

Chairperson Grundhaus discussed an opportunity for a 3-day trip to Sacramento with the Water Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:48 a.m., Commissioner Virobik moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hosler Conference Room at the Bartlett Senior Citizens Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hileman and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Subject to Approval