

COMMISSION MEMBERS
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City of San Mateo Regular Meeting Minutes Senior Citizens Commission

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**Monday, November 8, 2021
Remote 4:00 PM
Regular Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER This meeting is being held under the provisions of State of California Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20; in which Brown Act regulations are relaxed to allow members to remote in due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 health emergency.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Remote: Commissioners Present: Foreman, Lee, Wang,
Commissioner Webb joined the meeting late and missed the consent calendar.
Absent: Commissioner Bluth

CEREMONIAL

1. Welcome New Commissioner Liz Foreman

Bob Palacio, Community Services Manager, introduced and welcomed New Commissioner Liz Foreman.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion without discussion. If discussion is desired, that item may be removed and considered separately.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approve the Senior Citizens Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021. Motion passed 3 - 0.

Moved: Lee, Seconded: Foreman
Ayes: Foreman, Lee, Wang
Noes: None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lindsay Raike and Michael Schrader spoke regarding the planned closure of the Mickelson Pool in San Mateo. Bob Palacio, Community Services Manager, reminded them that the Mickelson Pool was on the agenda and would be discussed later

OLD BUSINESS

3. Age Friendly Action Plan – Update and Review

Bob Palacio, Community Services Manager, presented a sample of the Age Friendly Action Plan 2022-2025. Commissioners asked questions and provided comment.

	<p>Public Comment –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Schrader inquired on how priorities are set for the Age Friendly Action Plan. Commissioner Lee directs him to the AARP website. Ginnie Plato spoke about the planned closure of the Mickelson Pool in San Mateo and that older people should have an input.
NEW BUSINESS	
4.	<p><u>Housing Element Plan – Presentation</u></p> <p>Sandra Council, Housing Manager, presented on the Housing Element 2023-31 and housing needs in the City of San Mateo. Commissioners asked questions of staff and provided comment. Commissioner Wang also requested the presentation be shared with the Commissioners.</p> <p>Public Comment – There were no speakers.</p>
5.	<p><u>Letter of Support for the re-opening of the Mills-Peninsula Medical Center Aquatics Program (Mickelson Pool)</u></p> <p>Bob Palacio, Community Services Manager, presented a sample letter from the Senior Commission to Sutter Health in support of keeping the Mickelson Pool Open. Commissioners asked questions and provided comment. There was consensus from Commissioners that the letter should focus on facts made available and a recommendation was made that the letter be reviewed by the City Attorney's office. There was discussion as to who the author and signer of the letter would be.</p> <p>Public Comment –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael Schrader commented that the group of advocates have been in touch with a local board for Sutter Health as well as a lawyer regarding the closure of the Mickelson Pool. He requested that the advocates be copied on the letter in addition to Peninsula Healthcare District. Ginnie Plato and Lindsay Raiké commented that the need for warm water therapy pools is growing and expressed their gratitude for the letter of support.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carolyn Shavel, Community Services Supervisor, announced the modification of the Senior lunch program where seniors will now have the option to pick up their lunch and take it to go or dine in.
- Commissioner Wang asked for a follow-up on the comment made by a member of the public regarding the parklets downtown blocking the sidewalks. Bob Palacio, Community Services Manager, commented that he would try and acquire more information about the parklets as well as identify and invite someone in the City to speak at an upcoming Senior Commission Meeting regarding this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM

SUBMITTED BY:

Giovana Orozco

Giovana Orozco, Recording Secretary