



CITY OF PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Petaluma Community Center
320 N. McDowell Blvd
Petaluma, CA 94954

MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 8:33am by Chairperson Jern
2. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Present: Railey Album, Larell Fineen, Cheryl Jern, Bonnie Koagedal, Elizabeth Savage, Patricia Souza

Guests: Eli Gowell, David Ward. Don Forman
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - none
4. **PRESENTATION**
 - A. Che Mary Fuller McChesney Acquisition – David Ward, Public Art Specialist
Mr. Ward explained that the Public Art Committee reviews and approves public art applications and related materials for any public art project on public property or as part of a public construction project as defined in Chapter 19.6 of the Zoning Ordinance. Currently there are plans to spend \$100,000 to purchase and place several pieces from the McChesney collection. He provided detailed background about the artist and why they plan these purchases. It has not yet been decided where the pieces will be placed. He suggested the area around the Senior Center may be one of the locations chosen.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of Minutes of Regular Senior Advisory Committee Meeting of for the March 9, 2023 meeting
 - B. MSP Railey/Larell to approve as mailed.
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MATTERS OF CONSIDERATION**
 - A. Follow Listening Bench Report – Railey Album and Jennifer Laporte
Jennifer reported that the project has just celebrated its one-year anniversary. Railey and Jennifer hold monthly Round Table meetings to address problems and discuss possible changes to the program.

Listeners and visitors report good satisfaction with the program, although the number of guests is still small.

- B. Listening Ad Hoc Committee on Programming Report – Cheryl Jern and Railey Album
Cheryl and Railey continued to interview the City Council Members and share their concerns about the need for more frequent meetings and a representative from the council.
They shared a copy of the email from Peggy Flynn, the City Manager, addressed their concerns and invited members to attend a planning session on June 2 at 8:45 to discuss issues related to Age Friendly Action Planning. Several members plan to attend and will share their top priorities for The Senior Advisory Committee to address.
Cheryl would like to schedule a planning retreat to create an action plan for the Advisory Committee. Many feel it is likely these issues will be raised on June 2 at the meeting.
- C. Ad Hoc Memoir Recording Project – Cheryl Jern and Railey Album
An Ad Hoc Group including Kris Rebillot is working with the Petaluma Health Care District and high school students to tape the memories of Petaluma Seniors. She expressed great appreciation for the PHCD for their participation.
- D. Letter in Support of Public Restrooms Downtown – Senior Advisory Committee to discuss writing a letter in support of additional restrooms in downtown Petaluma. Donn Forman briefly discussed the need for public restrooms in downtown Petaluma. MSP Cheryl/Railey to write a letter of support. Elizabeth volunteered to research to see if there is data about the implementation of public restrooms, such as the reduction of public urination or cleaner streets and public areas.

7. **COMMITTEE COMMENT** |

Patricia thanked Iya for creating an effective partnership with the Garden Club for events, classes and meetings that benefit seniors that visit the Center. She also commented on Iya's personal connection to those that visit the center and the fun way she is very welcoming.

8. **STAFF COMMENT**

Rachel shared that the Chess Table event was very successful and well attended. Iya told about several fun and educational events coming up and that a donation had been received to create a gazebo in the back to enable more outside time for visitors. Attendance continues to increase as there were 1008 guests in April.

9. **ADJOURN** | by Chairperson Jern at 10:23am |