

**CITY OF WOODLAND
2001 EAST STREET
WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA**

COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA

**October 9, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- D. COMMUNICATIONS-PUBLIC COMMENT

This an opportunity for the public to speak to the Commission on any item other than those listed for public hearing on this agenda. Speakers are requested begin by stating their name, whether they reside in Woodland and the name of the organization they represent if any. The Chair may impose a time limit on any speaker depending on the number of people wanting to speak and time available for the rest of the agenda. In the event comments are related to an item scheduled on the agenda, speakers may be required to wait to make their comments until that item is considered.

- E. COMMUNICATIONS–COMMISSION/STAFF STATEMENTS AND REQUESTS

This is an opportunity for the Commission Members and Staff to make comments and announcements, to express concerns, or to request Commission’s consideration of any items a Commission Member would like to have discussed at a future Commission meeting.

- F. MINUTES
 - F.1 Adopt the Minutes of the Commission Meeting of September 11, 2014
- G. CORRESPONDENCE
- H. PRESENTATIONS
 - H.1 Consider Measure U Support

I. REGULAR CALENDAR

I.1 Senior Resource Fair May 28, 2014

I.2 Workplan 2014

I.3 Workplan 2015

J. REPORT OF THE STAFF

J.1 Senior Center Report-Kris Bain
Recommendation: Information only

J.2 Facility Update, Senior Issues-Kris Bain
Recommendation: Information only

K. ADJOURN

L. NEXT MEETING November 13, 2014

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Agenda for the Commission on Aging regular meeting of the City of Woodland scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014 was posted on October 6, 2014 in the outside display case at 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA, and was available to the public during normal business hours.

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary

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CITY ATTORNEY'S IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE U

Measure U, if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the measure, will adopt Ordinance 1561, which would change the election system for members of the City Council of the City of Woodland from an "at large" to a "by district" system. The City currently has an "at large" election system, which means that voters citywide elect all five council members. Measure U proposes that council members be elected "by district." Under a by district system, each council member would represent one of five geographic districts. Each council member would be required to reside and be a registered voter in the district he or she represents. Only registered voters in the district would vote for that district's council member.

The City Council voted on June 3, 2014 to place Measure U on the ballot. If a majority of the voters voting on Measure U approves the measure, the City's first "by district" council election will occur in 2016. Measure U proposes that the City's voters elect three council members by district in 2016 and two in 2018. After the 2018 election, all council members will have been elected from a specific district. Council members elected by district would serve four-year terms.

Measure U also provides that the City Council will adopt an ordinance setting forth the timing and sequence of the elections by district. This means that the City Council would determine the three districts that will elect Council members in 2016 and the two districts that will elect Council members in 2018. If Measure U is approved, the two council members who were elected in June 2014 will serve the remainder of their four-year terms in "at large" seats unless one or both runs in 2016 from a Council district.

The proposed district boundaries are set forth in a map attached to Ordinance 1561. The City Council will adjust the districts' boundaries after each federal census to ensure the districts are as nearly equal in population as practicable. The City Council may also adjust the boundaries after the City annexes territory. A change in a district's boundaries will not affect the term of any council member.

A "yes" vote on Measure U would change the manner by which council members are elected from "at large" to "by district." A "no" vote would leave the existing at large election process in place.



Kara K. Ueda
Woodland City Attorney

Measure U

City Council Districts Ballot Measure

On June 3, 2014, the City Council voted to place Measure U on the November, 2014 ballot. The measure seeks voter approval to change the method by which members of the Woodland City Council are elected. The Council placed this measure on the ballot after determining that it may need to comply with the California Voting Rights Act.

- If approved by a majority of voters, Measure U would establish five city council districts and result in future city council candidates, starting with the 2016 election, being elected “by district,” wherein voters in each district would elect a council member from among candidates who reside in that district.
- If rejected by the voters, the current method of electing city council members via an “at large” system, wherein all voters in the city elect city council members from a single, citywide slate of candidates, would remain in effect – until or unless a challenge is filed against the city under the California Voting Rights Act, and the City is compelled by the courts to adopt district-based elections.

Background

California Voting Rights Act (2002)

The California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) (California Elections Code sections 14025 – 14032) was signed into law in 2002 to prevent the disenfranchisement of protected classes of voters. A protected class is a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group (collectively referred to as “minority voters”).

The CVRA does not mandate the abolition of at-large election systems, but makes the use of at-large election systems more susceptible to a legal challenge. Additionally, the most common legal “remedy” for a violation of the CVRA is to change from an at-large election system to a district election system.

City Council’s Sub-Committee

The City Council, in consultation with the City Attorney’s office, considered whether the City might be vulnerable to a legal challenge under the CVRA and concluded that it could be.

The City Council formed a subcommittee in January 2013, comprised of Vice Mayor Tom Stallard and Council member Bill Marble, to analyze some of the issues associated with changing to a district election. The subcommittee presented an initial report during the March 19, 2013 City Council meeting and recommended that the City transition to district elections based on both the CVRA and the benefits that arise out of providing an opportunity for more residents to participate on the Woodland City Council.

Citizens Advisory Committee on City Council District Boundaries

On May 21, 2013, the City Council formed the Citizens Advisory Committee. Each City Council member appointed one member to the committee. The purpose of the committee was to examine demographic data and to recommend up to two alternative maps for the City Council to consider.

The Committee established the following criteria to guide development of district maps: (1) be as equal in population as possible; (2) use voting age population; (3) fairness; (4) consider geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness; and (5) maintain neighborhoods of common interest.

The Committee held a number of meetings and two public forums and presented two alternative maps for Council consideration.

The City Council selected one of the two recommended maps, which depicts the boundaries for the five proposed districts.

If the voters approve district elections, the district boundaries will remain in effect until after the next federal census in 2020.

MEASURE U (COUNCIL DISTRICT ELECTIONS)

FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

Why has the City Council placed Measure U on the ballot?

The City Council placed Measure U on the November ballot in response to concerns that the City's current "at-large" system for electing City Council members may be vulnerable to legal challenge under the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA). As such, the City Council decided to ask the voters to change its election system and initiated a public process to provide the community opportunities to help develop Council district boundaries.

In addition to evaluating district elections in light of concerns over CVRA compliance, the Council has acknowledged the potential benefits districts may provide by providing more citizens with the opportunity to seek election to the Woodland City Council.

What is the California Voting Rights Act?

The California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") (California Elections Code sections 14025 – 14032) was signed into law in 2002. Like the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, the CVRA attempts to prevent the disenfranchisement of protected classes. A protected class is a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group (collectively referred to as "minority voters".)

With the passage of the CVRA, it became easier for citizens to sue cities, school districts, community college districts, and special districts if these public entities elect their members to its governing body through "at-large" elections and if it can be proven that the votes of minority voters are being diluted. To prove a violation, plaintiffs must demonstrate "racially polarized voting." This occurs when there is a difference between the choice of candidates preferred by voters in a protected class and the choice of candidates preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate. The CVRA does not require a showing of discriminatory intent or a showing that minority voters live in a geographically compact area of the City.

Does the CVRA compel the City to switch to district elections?

The CVRA does not mandate the abolition of at-large election systems, but makes the use of at-large election systems more susceptible to a legal challenge. Additionally, the most common legal "remedy" for a violation of the CVRA is to change from an at-large election system to a district election system.

Why does transitioning from at-large to district elections require voter-approval?

State law (Government Code Section 34871) requires voter-approval for implementing a change to the method for electing members of the City Council. In contrast, school districts and special districts are afforded more flexibility in modifying the means by which they elect members to their governing bodies which typically do not require a vote of the electorate.

What if voters reject Measure U?

If the voters do not pass Measure U then the current method of electing City Council members via an “at large” election would remain in effect. However, such an outcome would still leave the City’ system of electing Council members vulnerable to a legal challenge under the CVRA.

If such a challenge were made and to be upheld by the courts, the City would then still be forced by the courts to transition to district elections. . In other words, simply placing Measure U on the ballot does not protect the City from a challenge and associated legal ramifications under the CVRA.

Are other cities in California also being compelled to comply with the CVRA?

Yes. Cities throughout the state are increasingly facing legal challenges to their “at large” system of electing City Council members. Many have settled claims out of court by essentially agreeing to voluntarily shift to district elections while others have defended challenges under the CVRA through the courts.

Almost without exception these cities have either voluntarily, or have been forced, to adopt changes to their method of electing members of their City Councils. Those cities that have attempted to defend their existing “at large” system of elections in court have consistently incurred significant legal costs, including attorney fees incurred by plaintiffs.

Have any cities successfully defended a challenge based on a claim under the CVRA?

To the best of our knowledge, no city has prevailed in defending its “at large” system of election under a claim filed by any individual or group under the CVRA.



Commission on Aging

Woodland Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA 95776

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

Call to Order

Meeting convened at 3:10 p.m. at the Community & Senior Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, California; Chair Garman presiding.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Garman, Campbell, Wright, Overholt, Talkington

Absent:

Staff: Engel, Haynie and Bain

Pledge of Allegiance

Communications-Public Comment (none)

Minutes

Commissioner Overholt made the motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 2013 as written, Commissioner Talkington seconded the motion. 4/0 (*Commissioners not present at meeting did not vote*)

Commissioner Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes of November 11, 2013 as written, Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. 4/0 (*Commissioners not present at meeting did not vote*)

Regular Calendar

Annual Report to Council

The COA Annual Report presentation is on the February 18, 2014 Council Agenda. Commissioner Overholt will update the presentation and staff will supply her with pictures of programs and the resource fair. Presentation will need to be turned in by February 4, 2014 to be put on the agenda.

Senior Resource Fair 2014

Bain reported that she met with Kelly Hutchison and Mike Andrews from the YMCA. The goal this year is to make the Resource Fair and the Y's May event into "one big event". Bain asked for input from Commissioners on the draft flyer for the Senior Resource Fair. SCI has been approached by Bain for funding for the Resource Fair and Bain is working with Cambridge College, Starbucks and Target to supply volunteers for the event.

Apartment List

Commissioner Garman will supply staff with his updated information.

Speaker Series

Commissioners discussed the timing for the next Speaker Series event and decided the next speaker would be in October/November. The subject would be Health, Physical and Emotional well being.



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Resignation

Commissioner Talkington informed the Commission and Staff that she was resigning her seat on the COA.

Senior Parking

Commissioner Campbell requested that staff include in minutes each time Commissioner Campbell comments on the need for additional handicap parking at the Community & Senior Center. Campbell stated that the front grass area of the Center would be a great place for handicap parking.

Report of the Staff

Facility Update

Bain reported that grouting by the meeting rooms is completed. Security locks were being installed on parts of the facility. Commissioner Campbell stated that the entry doors to the center were too heavy for seniors to open and asked staff to address his concerns.

Senior Center Report

Bain asked the Commission if they had any questions about her staff report. Commission Garman asked about the new scrapbooking class. Bain responded that the class is offered twice a month from 10-12 p.m. first class is on January 10, 2014.

Business Items for Next Meeting

Review Draft Council Annual Report

Apartment List

2014 Workplan

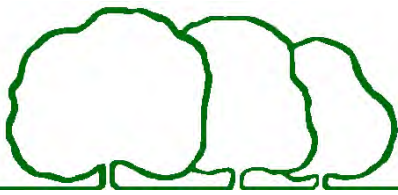
Next Meeting Date February 13, 2014

Adjourn

Commissioner Talkington made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m., Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, and motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Overholt left at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Haynie, Administrative Secretary
Parks & Recreation Department



Commission on Aging Communication

AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Monthly Senior Center Report

DATE: October 9, 2014

PREPARED BY: Kris Bain, Community Services Program Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None. Information only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following provides highlights of the Senior Center since the last report.

Program Report

Current Event Discussion: The Senior Center has a new group that discusses current events bi-weekly. This peer-led conversational group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons to discuss news-worthy items. Participants are given two minutes to discuss their points of view and a conversation follows. The creation of this group originated from a recommendation from a senior participant in the Enjoyment Survey from last spring.

Remembering When™: The Woodland Fire Department is offering a Fire and Fall Prevention program for older adults this October. Remembering When™ is a program that was developed by National Fire Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help older adults live safely at home for as long as possible. The program is centered around 16 key safety messages: eight fire prevention and eight fall prevention. The Woodland Fire Department is offering the program October 20, 22, and 23 and seniors are encouraged to attend any one of the three sessions available.

Planning for your Family's Future: The Senior Center has collaborated with the Yolo Food Bank to present an estate-planning workshop on Thursday, October 30. Various presenters from the community will assist seniors with helpful financial planning information for the future. The workshop will present information about wills & trusts and other investments.

Dates to Note

October 20, 22, 23: Remember When™ Fire & Fall Prevention Workshop

October 23: Collette Vacations & Affordable Adventures 2015 Travel Preview

October 23: Commit2Fit 30-Day Challenge Kick-off Event

October 30: Yolo Food Bank Sponsored Estate Planning Workshop

November 20: Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

December 10: Yolo County Flu Clinic (at Senior Center)

December 18: Holiday Social

Senior Center Activity & Revenue Summary**This Year/Last Year Comparison**

After the first quarter of FY 14/15, the Senior Center has had nearly 700 more seniors participate in programs than the first quarter of FY 13/14.

September 2013 Totals:	Classes Offered			Total Participants	Total PH	Program Revenue
	29			1643	10887.5	\$ 1,332.80
FY 13/14 YTD Totals:	Classes Offered			Total Participants	Total PH	FY Revenue
	80			5263	38,694	\$ 2,227.80

September 2014 Totals:	Classes Offered			Total Participants	Total PH	Program Revenue
	29			1844	13588.5	\$ 572.48
FY 14/15 YTD Totals:	Classes Offered			Total Participants	Total PH	FY Revenue
	76			5949	41,818	\$ 2,480.89

Senior Center Activity Participation

Recreation Report classes ending: September 2014								
Activity	Start Date	End Date	Meetings	Min/Mtg	Class Hours	Participants	Participant Hours (PH)	Notes
Art	9/3/2014	9/24/2014	4	120	8	32	256	
Arthritis Support Group	9/4/2014	9/4/2014	1	120	2	10	20	
Bingo	9/3/2014	9/24/2014	8	120	16	234	3744	
Ceramics	9/4/2014	9/25/2014	4	120	8	25	200	
Computer Club Class				120	0	8	0	
Computer Club Meeting	9/22/2014	9/22/2014	1	120	2	20	40	
Computer Lab	9/5/2014	9/26/2014	4	180	12	18	216	
Current Event Discussion	9/19/2014	9/19/2014	1	90	1.5	8	12	
Hand and Foot	9/3/2014	9/3/2014	4	180	12	62	744	
HICAP Consulations	9/11/2014	9/25/2014	2		6	6	36	
Legal Consulations	9/18/2014	9/18/2014	1	30	0.5	3	1.5	
Low Impact Aerobics 8am	9/3/2014	9/29/2014	12	30	6	204	1224	
Low Impact Aerobics 10am	9/3/2014	9/29/2014	12	30	6	512	3072	
Needles & Friends	9/8/2014	9/29/2014	4	60	4	63	252	
Outa Sight SPEAKER	9/2/2014	9/2/2014	1	120	2	16	32	
Outa Sight SUPPORT	9/16/2014	9/16/2014	1	120	2	12	24	
Parkinson's Support Group	9/23/2014	9/23/2014	1	60	1	6	6	
Ping Pong	9/2/2014	9/30/2014	9	60	9	14	126	
Peripheral Neuropathy	9/2/2014	9/2/2014	1	60	1	16	16	
Pedro	9/2/2014	9/2/2014	4	120	8	160	1280	
Pinochle	9/4/2014	9/25/2014	4	120	8	55	440	
Prostate Support Group	9/8/2014	9/8/2014	1	120	2	26	52	
Ship Shape	9/2/2014	9/30/2014	9	30	4	93	372	
Senior Movie Day	9/18/2014	9/18/2014	1	120	2	45	90	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit
Stompers	9/8/2014	9/29/2014	3	60	3	31	93	
Stroke Support	9/15/2014	9/15/2014	1	120	2	7	14	
Woodcarvers	9/3/2014	9/17/2014	2	120	4	20	80	
Yoga	9/4/2014	9/25/2014	4	60	4	82	328	
SPECIAL Classes/Presentations								
Tech Help	9/5/2014	9/5/2014	1	180	3	6	18	
Brain Boosters	9/22/2013	9/29/2014	2	480	16	50	800	
Library Usage				9.25 vol. hours	119 ret. Book	212 new books		