



*City of Arts & Innovation*

**MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON AGING**  
Monday, August 16, 2021, 4:00pm  
Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present: DuBois, Keller, Kelley, Straight, Van Vegten, Welch, Whitehead

Commissioners Absent: Gillis, Jimenez

Staff Present: Adolfo Cruz, PRCSD Director  
Noemi Lopez, PRCSD Superintendent  
Anthony Zamora, Recreation Supervisor  
Marnie Smith, Recreation Services Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Van Vegten called meeting to order at 4:09pm

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. BRIEF REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, MEETING ATTENDED BY COMMISSION ON AGING MEMBERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS.**

Co-Chair Van Vegten asked if Commissioners had anything to report. Commissioner Whitehead report she had attended the Inland Empire Long-Term Services and Supports (IELTSS) Coalition Convening: Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Aging Webinar. Enjoyed the webinar with a lot of good information regarding Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. She will report in detail next month once she receives additional information.

**DISCUSSION**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After discussion, the Commissioners approved the minutes for the June 21, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Kelly  
Second: Commissioner Whitehead

**3. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER GILLIS'S ABSENCE FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING 7/21/2021, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.**

Motion: Commissioner Kelly

Second: Commissioner

Whitehead

**4. Discussion of Age-Friendly Community Survey Most Requested Question for Survey**

Co-Chair Van Vegten asked if all commissioners had a chance to look it over, send their chosen questions and if there were any additional questions. Co-Chair Van Vegten asked what steps follow. RSC, Marnie Smith, responded that Co-Chair Keller will send the chosen list of questions to Mr. Nazarians, he will update and prepare the questionnaire.

**5. Ad Hoc Committee Reports****I. Advocacy**

AARP Partnership

Co-Chair Keller has emailed Mr. Nazarians for an extension and waiting for a response.

**II. Events**

Commission Kelly asked if there are a list of events. Director Cruz responded that as a commission you can do events from the past or seek new activities as a group.

**III. Resources**

Co-Chair Van Vegten briefly discussed the new COA brochure and what type of fliers may be requested.

**IV. Emergency Preparedness**

Co-Chair Keller shared her copy of the Ready Riverside Brochure and asked RSC, Marnie Smith, to send a copy to the new commissioners. Director Cruz replied we have a few boxes at the PRCSD office we will get them sent out to all commissioners.

**Discussion on Writing Letters and Cards for Seniors**

Co-Chair Van Vegten reported receiving no response. Co-Chair Keller reported a brief description of the program for seniors and her experience thus far as a roadblock. She also asked that it be added to September agenda to further discuss, scratch it, or come up with their own.

***Update on Current COVID-19 Status***

PRSCD Director Cruz reported there has been an increase in the variant. City of Riverside Emergency Team resumed weekly meetings due to the rise. Currently working on identifying strategies, continue to encourage city staff and residents to get vaccinated and tested. PRCSD sites continue following cleaning protocol put in place and adjusting to cases when needed.

***Update on Senior Classes***

PRSCD Director Cruz reported the hours of operations and senior programs/classes offered at Dales Senior Center, La Sierra Senior Center, Stratton/Bordwell, Orange Terrace Community Center and Villegas Park. Director Cruz asked RSC, Marnie Smith, to send the list to commissioners. Commissioner Whitehead asked if PRSCD partners with Janet Goeske. Director Cruz responded and discussed the great partnership. Co-Chair Van Vegten asked if centers are fully staffed. Director Cruz responded there have been no adjustments made. The Parks Department is down 9-10 positions, some of them are full-time. Commissioner Whitehead asked if there are any Christmas activities planned. Director Cruz reported PRCSD is currently working on a few different events and we will report within the next few meetings. Commissioner Whitehead asked about the budget. Director Cruz reported it did not take much of a hit. Commissioner Kelly asked about Festival of Lights. Director Cruz will get an update and ask Margery Haupt to come share details at a future meeting. Director Cruz stated this would be his last meeting and wanted to thank the commissioners for their participation.

**7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUEST BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Co-Chair Van Vegten asked if any Commissioners had items for future consideration.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Van Vegten reported next meeting will be Hybrid Meeting Monday, September 20, 2021 adjourned the meeting at 4:49pm