



COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, 4:00 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Jane DuBois, Vice Chair Carmen Roberts, Commissioners Lori Pendergraft, Joyce Clarke, Victoria Dove, Deborah Kelley, Diane Kwasman, Pamela Bash

ABSENT: Commissioners Kittie Aleman, Nora Moti

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Jessica Ochoa, Ron Profeta, Stephanie Gallegos, David Richardson, John Burnett, Marnie Smith, Sandra Campbell

Chair DuBois called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Dehate, Transit Manager for Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), gave an update on the Coordinated Plan which helps document mobility needs and gaps of seniors, people with disabilities and low-income individuals traveling in Riverside County.

Carmina Gutierrez, Program Manager for Older Adults for Blindness Support Services, shared programs that provides free services for seniors with low vision or total blindness.

PRESENTATION

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Special Transit Manager Ron Profeta introduced Field Operation Supervisor John Burnett and Senior Management Analyst David Richardson then delivered the presentation on Special Transportation's 50th Year Anniversary.

Commissioner Kelley asked for the dates of the free ride days.

Manager Profeta stated an email will go out to all the Commissioners with the information.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The following matter, presented to the Commission on Aging on the consent calendar for consideration, were approved by a motion affirming the action appropriate to the item:

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on November 18, 2024, were approved with a correction suggested by Chair DuBois to change Project Feed to Project Food.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission on Aging excused the absence of Commissioner Moti from the November 18, 2024 meeting.

Motion: Roberts
Second: Kwasman
Ayes: All

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for the Commission on Aging Chair and Vice Chair opened. Voting for Chair and Vice Chair will be selected at the next meeting.

Commissioner Clarke moved to nominate Chair DuBois to continue as Chair. Chair DuBois respectfully declined nomination.

Commissioner Clarke moved to nominate Vice Chair Roberts, who accepted nomination.

Commissioner Kelley moved to nominate Commissioner Kwasman to be Vice Chair, who accepted nomination.

In anticipation of the new Bylaws, Commissioner Kelley moved to nominate Commissioner Moti, as the 2nd Vice Chair if that rule stays. Commissioner Moti was absent and was unable to accept nomination.

PLAN AND SCHEDULE TO PRESENT THE COMMISSION ON AGING WORKPLAN TO DESIGNATED COMMITTEE

After discussion it was determined that Vice Chair Roberts will present the Commission on Aging Workplan Update to the Safety, Wellness and Youth Committee on March 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Determine the Absence of Commissioner Aleman from the November 18, 2024 meeting. It was determined to move this discussion to the next meeting on March 17, 2025, after verifying how many absences are allowed for all Commissioners.

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- I. Housing – No report.
- II. Senior health – No report.
- III. Events – The Events Committee distributed Christmas cards and candy at multiple events for seniors, including senior centers, Villa Convalescent, the holiday party at Janet Goeske, La Sierra Senior Center, and Villegas Park.
- IV. Environment – No report.

V. Mobility – Did not meet.

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioners Bash, Clarke and Kwasman attended the California State Parks meeting, where officials visited various locations across the state to assess park usage..
- Commissioner Kwasman attended a Health Fair at Riverside Community Hospital and also attended the Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Breakfast Meeting.
- Commissioner Clarke attended the Health Fair at Riverside Community Hospital and also attended a Nutrition Health Doctor Talk on December 3, 2024, at the Northgate Market.
- Commissioner Pendergraft attended a community presentation on Mental Health at Stratton Community Center.
- Chair DuBois attended Aquamation, the Martin Luther King Walk-A-Thon on January 21, 2025. On January 22, participated in a survey of the unhoused from 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attended a Blue Zones meeting to speak and was invited to a follow-up Blue Zones meeting.
- Vice Chair Roberts attended the Martin Luther King Walk-A-Thon on January 21, and the Bordwell Park Advisory Board meeting on January 22.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Commissioner Pendergraft suggested a presentation of Mental Health.
- Commissioner Kelley suggested to have a Holiday Card Creators acknowledgement.
- Chair DuBois would like to invite Erin Edwards from Blue Zones to do a presentation.
- Commissioner Kwasman informed Commissioners that Lindsey Powers from the Library will come to the March meeting to make a Public Comment regarding a program for seniors to read to children and other programs to get involved with.
- Chair DuBois would like to discuss the budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Bash reminded everyone of the Galentine's Day Women's Health Event, taking place on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Janet Goeske Senior Center.
- Vice Chair Roberts shared Masquerade Ball for Seniors, taking place on January 31, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Bordwell, Stratton Community Center.
- Chair DuBois, Vice Chair Roberts, Commissioners Kwasman, Kelley, Pendergraft, Clarke and Dove attended the State of the City with the Mayor on January 30, 2025, 4:30 p.m. at the Riverside Convention Center.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 17, 2025.

Chair DeBois adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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