



City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING
Monday, March 15, 2021, 4:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Commissioners Present: Jimenez, Keller, Kelley, Tavaglione, Whitehead, Van Vegten

Commissioners Absent: Gillis

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tavaglione called meeting to order at 4:17pm

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

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

Chair Tavaglione asked if Commissioners had anything to report. Commissioner Kelley commented that Special Transportation is offering free rides for COVID Vaccine shots to seniors 60 and above. She also commented that Virtual BINGO will be hosted at the Janet Goeske Center on May 21, with all funds to support seniors in the community. Flier will be sent to Recreation Services Coordinator, Marnie Smith, to send to Commissioners. No other comments.

PRESENTATION

2. Purple Cities Alliance Committee

Recreation Services Coordinator, Marnie Smith reported Mary Hinko has other commitments, however, will try and make the meeting. Commissioner Tavaglione asked that the presentation be moved towards the end of the meeting if she can join us, if not it be placed on April Agenda.

DISCUSSION

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion, the Commissioners approved the minutes for the November 16, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Keller
Second: Commissioner Kelley
Ayes: All

4. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER GILLIS'S ABSENCE FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING 11/16/2020, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Motion: Commissioner Kelley
Second: Commissioner Van Vegten
Ayes: All

5. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER JIMENEZ'S ABSENCE FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING 11/16/2020, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Motion: Commissioner Kelley
Second: Commissioner Van Vegten
Ayes: All

6. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER VAN VEGTEN'S ABSENCE FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING 11/16/2020, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Motion: Commissioner Kelley
Second: Commissioner Keller
Ayes: All

7. Discussion and Election of New Chair Chairperson – Commissioner Keller: Commissioner Whitehead

RSC Marnie Smith explained how the nominations were chosen by Chair Tavaglione be the current By-Laws. Commissioner Keller and Commissioner Whitehead declined. After a brief discussion, Chair Tavaglione asked PRSCD Director, Adlofo Cruz, if there could be Co-Chairs. After additional discussion, Commissioners Keller and Van Vegten accepted nomination for Co-Chair. PRSCD Director asked for a vote.

Motion: Commissioner Jimenez
Second: Commissioner Kelley
Ayes: All

Commissioner Kelley asked what the responsibilities are for the Vice-Chair, Chair Tavaglione responded. Commissioner Kelley accepted.

Motion: Commissioner Van Vegten

Second: Commissioner Keller

Ayes: All

Ad Hoc Committee to report on Advocacy

AARP Partnership

Commissioner Keller reported that Ex-Chair Broach had received a Letter for Age Friendly Environment from previous City of Riverside Mayor, Rusty Bailey, and had submitted along with the AARP application on February 2020. She reported there had been a discussion in the past about the Age Friendly Environment Survey, since not all Commissioners had responded, next step is to resubmit to Commissioners. Commissioner Keller asked if Parks, Recreation and Community Service Department would be able to assist with getting the survey out to seniors. PRCSO Director, Adolfo Cruz, responded yes, PRCSO would be able to get it printed and on-line. He spoke to Rafi with AARP and he is willing to come to a COA meeting do a presentation and share resources regarding programs. Chair Tavaglione asked PRCSO Director, Adolfo Cruz, if he could reach out for a Presentation at April COA Meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee to report on Events

Purple Alliance Committee

Chair Tavaglione said they were unable to do presentation this month and to please contact Mary Hinko and add to April agenda.

Bingo at Magnolia Grand

Commissioner Whitehead reported Bingo is currently off for now, please leave on agenda and will report when it returns.

Ad Hoc Committee to report on Resources

Approve Brochure

Further discussion on Commission on Aging brochure. PRCSO Director, Adolfo Cruz, reported on fees for Tri-Fold Brochure. Brief discussion to purchase 1000 brochures.

Motion: Commissioner Whitehead

Second: Commissioner Van Vegten

Ayes: All

Discussion on Writing Letters and Cards for Seniors

Commissioner Van Vegten has emailed several times very slow to respond. He did speak to one gentleman that replied he could come do a presentation, wanted to be paid and hotel accommodations. After brief discussion Chair Tavaglione suggested the Commissioners maybe able to follow up on their own. She also asked it to be added to April agenda in case Commissioner Van Vegten gets a response.

Update on Current COVID-19 Status

PRCSO Director Cruz reported numbers are trending down, the city could possibly move from purple tier to red tier that's positive news with more people getting vaccines quite a bit has

opened, a good resource is vaccinefinder.org. He noted various places offering shots, Rite Aid, Walgreens, Doctor Offices. City worked with the county to Mobile Unit locations Goeske was Sunday, March 14, Dales Senior Center Monday, March 15, La Sierra Senior Center, Thursday, March 18 and Casa Blanca Library Saturday, March 20. Director Cruz stated we are moving in the right direction; we are still at serious level. Chair Tavaglione shared she follows City and County of Riverside websites for information and thinks they are doing an excellent job reporting. Commissioner Van Vegten asked if we know how many people have been vaccinated? Commissioner Jimenez stated you can get the information on the public health website; people can also call the county hospital for an appointment for vaccination. Director Cruz reported at the Riverside Council meeting Tuesday, March 16, Mark Annas the EOC Manager provides update to council at each council meeting at the 1pm meeting.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUEST BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chair Tavaglione asked if any Commissioners had items for future consideration. Please add Purple Alliance. Commissioner Jimenez wanted to remind everyone that March is Colon Cancer Month. Commissioners thanked Chair Tavaglione for her service.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tavaglione adjourned the meeting at 4:51pm. The next meeting will be a Virtual Meeting Monday, April 19, 2021.