



City of Arts & Innovation

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON AGING
Monday, September 20, 2021, 4:00pm
In-Person and Hybrid Meeting

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

Commissioners Absent: Gillis,

Staff Present: Anthony Zamora, Recreation Supervisor
Marnie Smith, Recreation Services Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Van Vegten called meeting to order at 4:05pm

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 DuBois reported Councilperson Edwards will be hosting a Commission Dinner on Tuesday, September 28, 6-8pm for all Ward 1 Commissioners.

PRESENTATION

- 2. Guest Speakers - City of Riverside Special Transportation Update**
Special Transportation Supervisor, Randy Barragan
Special Transportation Manager, Ron Profeta

Brief discussion and questions, Co-Chair Van Vegten asked what is the Electronic Fair System? Special Transportation Manager (STM), Ron Profeta, responded it's a web base application to reserve and schedule a ride and pay the fair. Commissioner Whitehead asked if seniors could use a credit card? STM, Ron Profeta, reported staff would assist seniors with set-up and they always except cash. Commissioner DuBois asked where will training sessions be held and how will seniors be aware? STM, Ron Profeta, reported sessions will be held at senior centers; marketing will be done through an electronic video and on Riverside TV with step-by-step instructions.

DISCUSSION**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After discussion, the Commission accepted the minutes with a few changes for the September 20, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Kelley
Second: Commissioner Whitehead

4. DETERMINE WHETHER COMMISSIONER GILLIS'S ABSENCE FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING 8/16/2021, SHOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.

Motion: Co-Chair Van Vegten
Second: Commissioner Kelley

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Motion: Co-Chair Van Vegten
Second: Commissioner Kelley

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

Co-Chair Keller reported Mr. Nazarians will send a hardcopy of the submitted questions to COA Board. Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will get copies and distribute at Dales, La Sierra Senior Center and Janet Goeske. AARP will send out an electronic version to AARP Seniors in Riverside. Commissioner DuBois found the Inland Empire Long-Term Services and Supports (IELTSS) Coalition Convening on Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Aging Webinar to be interesting and informative. Liked the comment "No more crumbs". She suggested we request Gary Robbins from the Office on Aging conduct a future presentation to discuss the 5 Goals.

II. Events

Commissioner Kelley asked if there is any information on Purple Boat Float and the name of the group to contact about it. Recreation Services Coordinator, Marnie Smith, reported she reached out to Mary Hinko and received no response and there has been no special event permit requested for an event this year.

III. Resources

Co-Chair Van Vegten asked if any commissioners had anything to report.

IV. Emergency Preparedness

Commissioner Straight attended the Emergency Preparedness Expo and picked up a few items, got a few names and websites. RSC, Marnie Smith, reported she was unable to locate the additional boxes of the Ready Riverside Brochure. She has three for the newest commissioners that had not received them in the past. RSC, Marnie Smith, reported the City of Riverside is working on updating the Ready Riverside Brochure and they will be distributed to commissioners once PRCSO receives them.

6. Discussion on Writing Letters and Cards for Seniors

Co-Chair Van Vegten reported he received zero reports back from the Letters of Isolation. Commissioner Kelley reported there are letters to Santa for the kids, maybe COA could do something like that. Co-Chair Keller suggested commissioners come up with letters and/or cards for senior participants. Commissioner DuBois suggested a project for school kids to help them grow in compassion. RSC, Marnie Smith, has the Dales Senior Wellness checklist and suggested a commissioner contact Riverside Police and ask if they maybe interested in YANA (You Are Not Alone) participants. Co-Chair Van Vegten, Commissioners DuBois, Straight and Jimenez will serve on a sub-committee this event.

Update on Current COVID-19 Status

Recreation Supervisor, Anthony Zamora, reported Interim Director, Randy McDaniel, and Interim Deputy Director, Noemi Lopez, had prior commitments. He reported the city team continues to meet weekly. Commissioner Jimenez reported Riverside University Health System Hospital is offering COVID -19 test and vaccinations and that numbers have decreased. Commissioner Whitehead reported as a volunteer at Kaiser Permanente, they are offering shots for COVID and the FLU in building 2. Commissioner DuBois asked if the shots were booster or vaccine. Commissioner Whitehead responded both for seniors 65 and over or those with compromised immune systems.

Update on Senior Classes

Recreation Supervisor, Anthony Zamora, reported the hours of operations Dales and La Sierra Senior Centers, and Stratton/Bordwell, Orange Terrace, Villegas Community Centers, 2021 Inland Empire Senior Games to be hosted from Sunday, September 26 – Friday, October 8 hosted in San Bernardino. Health Fair at Janet Goeske on Wednesday, October 13, from 9am to 2pm; Trunks and Treats Scavenger Hunt at Dales Senior Center on Tuesday, October 19 from 11am to 2pm; Halloween Costume Contest at La Sierra Senior Center on Wednesday, October 27 from 1 to 4pm, during the Bingo session.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS REQUEST BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Co-Chair Van Vegten reported next meeting will be an In-Person and Hybrid Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4pm, and then adjourned the meeting at 5:06pm.

