



Park and Recreation Commission

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2023

FROM: PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ANNUAL WORK PLAN

ISSUE:

Discuss the Commission on Aging Annual Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission on Aging provide feedback on a draft Annual Work Plan to address agenda topics, outreach efforts, topics of interest, and proposed areas of need.

BACKGROUND

On October,16, 2023, at the monthly Commission on Aging meeting the Commissioners discussed and made recommendations for a work plan to be brought back for further discussion and review at the next meeting. Goals for work plan are to include:

1. Collaborate on a quarterly basis with senior centers and organizations dedicated to serving seniors to create workshops centered around affordable housing, home-sharing programs, addressing common inquiries, and offering support with housing applications.
2. Engage in biannual collaboration with senior centers and senior-focused organizations to design workshops covering topics such as healthcare, dementia, caregiver support, and in home assistance services.
3. Commissioners will establish quarterly networking sessions with senior facilities to boost and enrich socialization prospects for seniors through inventive programming, special events, and informative presentations.
4. Collaborate with and endorse organizations such as Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful, along with various programs and innovations, to bolster senior safety, stimulate engagement, and gather informative content for seniors through presentations and workshops.

5. Commissioners engaging with senior population at various events throughout Riverside to represent the Commission on Aging and introduce seniors on service offered regarding arts culture and recreational services offered at facilities, open space, walking and biking trails.

DISCUSSION:

In order to help focus and guide boards and commissions, City staff have been tasked to work with each City board/commission to develop an annual work plan. The City Council Inclusiveness, Community Engagement, and Governmental Processes Committee (ICGC) is tentatively scheduled to start review of board/commission work plans in November 2023.

The Commission on Aging is tasked with the following four powers/duties/functions, per Article VIII. – Appointive Boards and Commissions, Section 809 of the Riverside Municipal Code.

- A. To act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on all matters pertaining to older Americans and their needs;
- B. To assemble information on problems and their solutions for older Americans through all available means including public hearings;
- C. To be empowered on its own initiative to make recommendations to senior citizens' service agencies on matters within its purview;
- D. To act to facilitate coordination between existing and proposed programs for the elderly;
- E. To carry out such studies as may be assigned to it by the City Council;
- F. To, from time to time, report to the City Council its findings.

Within this framework, the Commission is asked to discuss topics of interest and proposed areas of need for potential Commission focus.

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Attachment: Annual Work Plan Draft