



COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, 4:00 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Jessica Ochoa, Marnie Smith, Sandra Campbell, John Burnett, Janet Palacio

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two participants wishing to address the Commission on Aging (COA):

- Riverside Connect Field Operations Supervisor John Burnett provided information on rate increase beginning July 1, and provided new brochures with information. Also shared a reminder on the 50th Anniversary upcoming free ride days.
- Recreation Services Coordinator Janet Palacio gave an update on senior center events.

PRESENTATION(S)

THE INLAND EMPIRE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING

Presented by Inland Coalition on Aging Board Chair, Dr. Ben Jauregui.

Commissioner Kelley asked when and the location of the meetings.

Dr. Jauregui stated they meet virtually every 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings can be looked up at Inlandaging.org.

Commissioner Kelley asked what kind of help are they looking for.

Dr. Jauregui stated they are looking for organizations that can provide assistance for their committees.

Commissioner Clarke asked if they have worked with the Blue Zones project.

Dr. Jauregui stated that everyone is invited, and he can reach out to them.

Commissioner Clarke asked if they counted the LGBTQ+ Community separate from the different Ethnic groups in order not to get duplication.

Dr. Jauregui stated each group had their own separate Stakeholders meetings.

Commissioner Moti stated there will be a hearing at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20, regarding converting units into studio apartments to house the aging population and asked if anyone from the Inland Coalition could support and speak for the aging 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Dr. Jauregui stated he could check with all the collaborative partners to see if anyone could be available to come support and speak.

Commissioner Moti asked what the expectations were on recent possible cuts to social programs.

Dr. Jauregui stated it is a difficult time and stated to keep fighting for the services that our community needs.

Commissioner Dove wanted to confirm if the Master Plan report will be out in June, and where to find it.

Dr. Jauregui stated it will be located on the website in June.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on April 21, 2025, were approved with a correction suggested by Commissioner Moti to correct the University Community Meetings date held every 3rd Thursday of each month to every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Motion: DuBois

Second: Moti

Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Housing – Commissioner Bash reported they held a meeting on Thursday, May 15. Discussed mobile home repairs. Commissioner DuBois also attended the May 15 meeting.
- Senior Health – No report.
- Events – Commissioner Kelley reported they held a meeting on Monday, May 19, and discussed future events for the upcoming year. The group also had information tables set up at:
 - Alvord Unified School District at La Sierra Senior Center – April 26.
 - Janet Goeske Senior Conference – May 7.
- Environment – Commissioner Dove reported they had their first meeting on April 29. Discussed goals, and reaching out to senior centers more.
- Mobility – No report.

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioners DuBois attended:
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - The Blue Zone Project Kickoff on May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Riverside Airport.
- Commissioner Moti attended:
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - The UCR Committee meeting on May 11, presentation was given regarding conversion of a motel to studio apartments for senior housing.
- Commissioner Pendergraft attended:
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - The Blue Zone Project Kickoff on May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Riverside Airport.
- Commissioner Clarke attended:
 - Ward 3, Councilmember Robillard Q&A Session on April 23, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - A Very Merry Unbirthday to You on May 9, 12-2 p.m. at Bordwell Park.
 - The Blue Zone Project Kickoff on May 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Riverside Airport.
- Commissioner Dove attended:
 - The California Air Resource Board on April 28 at Reid Park.
 - The Clean Air Car Ride Share on April 28, at UCR.
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - A Very Merry Unbirthday to You on May 9, 12-2 p.m. at Bordwell Park.
- Commissioner Kelley attended:
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Cinco de Mayo Event on May 2, at the Janet Goeske Center
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - Flip the Script on Aging! Older American Month on May 8, at the Janet Goeske Center.
- Vice Chair Kwasman attended:
 - Volunteer Luncheon on April 24, at the Janet Goeske Center.
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 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
- Chair Roberts attended:
 - The Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception on April 29, 5-7 p.m. at City Hall Grier Pavilion.
 - Senior Event on May 7, at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - UC Irvine presentation on May 14, at the Wall Center.
- Commissioner Bash attended the Alvord Unified School District Fair on April 26.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- There were no future items requested at the time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interim Recreation Supervisor Marnie Smith shared announcement:

- June 11 - July 23, Summer Concerts in the Park, every Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. (No concert July 2)

Commissioner Clarke shared announcements:

- May 28, 12-2 p.m. National Senior Health & Fitness Day at the Janet Goeske Center.
- May 31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aerospace Community Expo at the Riverside Airport.

Chair Roberts shared announcement:

- May 28, 11 a.m. Bordwell Advisory Meeting at Bordwell Park.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Monday, June 16, 2025.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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