



COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 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

ABSENT: None

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

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no e-comments prior to this meeting and no online callers. There were five participants wishing to address the Commission on Aging (COA):

- Riverside Connect Field Operations Supervisor John Burnett gave an update on free rides in honor of Riverside Connect 50th Anniversary.
- Mickey McDonnell spoke about concerns of keeping the water temperature warmer at Shamel Pool.
- Linda Hicks spoke about concerns of keeping the water temperature warmer at Shamel Pool.
- Carlene Sawyer spoke about concerns of keeping the water temperature warmer at Shamel Pool.
- Kathy Bocian spoke about concerns of keeping the water temperature warmer at Shamel Pool.

PRESENTATION(S)

The AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY STATE & COMMUNITIES

AARP Advocacy Director Rafi Nazarians and AARP Associate State Director Rachel Zaiden delivered a presentation on the AARP Age-Friendly Community Program.

Commissioner Moti asked what has happened to material already gathered and sent back to AARP for membership.

Advocacy Director Nazarians stated they have not been successful with connecting with the Commission on Aging. Also stated all information sent in is still in the system, it will need to be reactivated.

Commissioner DuBois stated not knowing what benefits are offered to a group membership.

Advocacy Director Nazarians suggested to have a separate meeting to move forward and pick-up where left off.

Commissioner Moti stated to be point of contact from this point forward and will reach out to move forward.

Advocacy Director Nazarians stated to reach out to him or Rachel Zaiden, who is the main point of contact for Riverside.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of March 17, 2025, were approved without amendments.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission on Aging recorded the absence of Commissioner DuBois from the March 17, 2025, regular meeting as excused.

The Commission on Aging recorded the absence of Commissioner Kwasman from the March 17, 2025, regular meeting as excused.

Motion: Pendergraft
Second: Moti
Abstain: Kwasman
Ayes: All, except Kwasman

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ATTENDANCE

Following discussion, it was motioned to record the absence of Commissioner Aleman from the March 17, 2025, regular meeting as excused.

Motion: Moti
Second: Pendergraft
Ayes: All

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Housing – Commissioner DuBois reported that the Housing Ad Hoc Committee met on April 11. Recommendation from a Councilmember was to pay special attention to Seniors living in manufactured houses.
- Senior Health – Commissioner Clarke reported that the Senior Health Ad Hoc Committee had a table at the Alpha Care Community Health Fair on March 22, from 12 p.m.– 3 p.m. at Parkview Community Hospital.
- Events – Commissioner Kelley stated that the Events Ad Hoc Committee attended an Alpha Care Community Health Fair on March 22, from 12 p.m.– 3 p.m. at Parkview Community Hospital.
- Environment – No report.
- Mobility – Vice Chair Kwasman will prepare in advance for future walks/marathons in the City.

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Moti attended the University Community Meeting, which is held every 3rd Thursday of each month.
- Commissioner DuBois met with Linda Hicks regarding the Shamel Park Pool temperature. Attended meetings on Blue Zones, Tobacco and Alcohol and Community Involvement with the Community Engagement.
- Vice Chair Kwasman attended the Goeske Spring Festival on March 28, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Events Committee on April 8, Ward 4 City Managers Meeting on April 9, Bunny Hop on April 18, at the Goeske Center and the Bordchella Event on April 18, from 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. at Bordwell.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Commissioner Dove would like a report on the Shamel Pool Temperature update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner DuBois shared announcements:

- May 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Blue Zones Project Kickoff Festival at the Riverside Airport.
- April 29, beginning at 5 p.m. Boards & Commissions Recognition & Reception at City Hall, Grier Pavilion.

Commissioner Clarke shared announcements:

- April 23, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Community Conversations with Councilmember Robillard (Ward 3).

Commissioner Dove shared announcements:

- April 28, 6-7 p.m. Air Quality Community Meeting. Registration is required.

Commissioner Kelley shared announcements:

- April 26, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Alvord Unified School District Event at the La Sierra Community Center.

Commissioner Kwasman shared announcements:

- April 24, from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. the Riverside Community Services Foundation 2nd Annual Gala.
- May 2, Cinco de Mayo Event at the Goeske Center.

Recreation Superintendent Jessica Ochoa shared announcement:

- Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Gallegos has accepted a promotion in another department with the City.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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