



COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 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, Joyce Clarke, Pamela Bash, Victoria Dove, Lori Pendergraft

ABSENT: Commissioners Don Coon, Deborah Kelley, Nora Moti

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Jessica Ochoa, Summer Cremo, Marnie Smith, Veronica Cortez

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one participant who addressed the Commission on Aging (COA):

- Veronica Cortez, Recreation Services Coordinator with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department shared information on upcoming events for seniors at Bordwell, Dales Senior Center, La Sierra Senior Center, and Villegas Park.

PRESENTATION

SENIOR STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Parks, Recreation Community Services Department, Supervisor Summer Cremo, delivered a presentation on the Senior Strategic Plan Review.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on October 20, 2025, were approved as presented.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission on Aging recorded the absence of Commissioner Moti from the October 20, 2025, meeting as excused.

The Commission on Aging recorded the absence of Commissioner Kelley from the October 20, 2025, meeting as excused.

The Commission on Aging recorded the absence of Commissioner Coon from the October 20, 2025, meeting as excused.

Motion: Vice Chair Kwasman

Second: Commissioner Bash

Abstain: None

Ayes: Roberts, Kwasman, Bash, Clarke, Dove, DuBois, Pendergraft

Absent: Coon, Kelley, Moti

DISCUSSION ITEMS

SIX MONTH REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING AD HOC COMMITTEE 2025 ANNUAL WORK PLAN TASK

After discussion it was determined that each Ad Hoc Committee will send the committee's 6-month benchmarks to Sandra Campbell.

HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE

After discussion it was determined that commissioners will attend. Commissioner Clarke will not be in attendance.

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- I. Housing – No Report
- II. Senior Health – No Report
- III. Events –
 - Vice Chair Kwasman reported that the committee participated in and tabled a Health Fair in October, as well as an information table at Lights of Memories on Sunday, November 11th.
- IV. Environment
 - Commissioner Dove shared that the MDO Carshare is up and running; allowing users to rent a car for an hour or more at designated locations. She also reported that the Community Air Monitoring Plan was approved in September. They will begin conducting air quality monitoring using vehicles, and the final air quality report will be available June 2026.
- V. Mobility – No Report

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner DuBois attended:
 - Northside Meeting on Distribution Finance Meeting
 - October 25, Aquamotion Aquathon
 - November 8, Riverside Neighborhood Partnership Annual Awards Dinner
- Commissioner Clarke attended:
 - October 21, Councilman Robillard Senior Community Conversation
 - November 9, Lights of Memory
- Commissioner Bash attended
 - November 9, Lights of Memory
- Vice Chair Kwasman attended:
 - October 30, Senior Resource Fair at Riverside Convention Center
 - November 9, Lights of Memory
 - November 14, Gold Finch at Mulberry Gardens Kickoff Groundbreaking
 - November 15, Cesar Chavez Groundbreaking
- Chair Roberts attended
 - October 22, Bordwell Advisory Meeting

- Commissioner Dove attended
 - October 26, Trinity Therapeutic Writing Center
 - November 2, Cheech Museum Monarch Butterflies
 - November 9, Lights of Memory
 - November 17, Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful Discussion
- Commissioner Pendergraft attended
 - October 25, Aquamotion Aquathon
 - November 4, UCR Persist Women Political Engagement Conference

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Commissioner DuBois requested
 - Riverside Public Utilities on Senior Scammers
- Vice Chair Kwasman requested
 - Give-aways and brochure holders for Ad Hoc events

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Clarke announced
 - November 12, Bordwell Park began a Book Club Program for 55 and Older
 - December 10, Mayor's Discussion will be held at Janet Goeske
- PRCSD Supervisor Summer Cremo announced
 - Bordwell Thriving Thursday Health Workshop will move to Fresh Friday
 - Dales had Latin Lounge that doubled in attendance
 - La Sierra Senior Center continues to sell out events within the hour of opening, they will be adding several new programs
 - November 7, La Sierra Senior Center in Partnership with feeding America hosted Monthly Commodity Food Distribution
 - PRCSD revamped the Senior Sponsorship Plan with four tiers
- Commissioner Dove announced
 - Discussed a farmer event in September and distributed information on Inland Empire Resources offer reimbursement grants for Aging Farmers
 - Shared the City of Riverside 2050 General Plan Update
- Chair Roberts announced
 - Bordwell will host Grateful Gathering Potluck on Tuesday, November 18
 - Bordwell Advisory meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 11am
- Vice Chair Kwasman announced
 - Turkey Give-Away at Janet Goeske on Tuesday, November 18
 - Pickleball Grand Opening at Arlington Park on November 22
 - Janet Goekse Holiday Festival moved to December 6
 - Janet Goeske Holiday Dance on December 12

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2026

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marnie Smith
Recreation Services Coordinator