



COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026, 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 Deborah Kelley, Pamela Bash, Don Coon, Victoria Dove

ABSENT: Commissioners Joyce Clarke, Lori Pendergraft

STAFF PRESENT: Summer Cremo, Marnie Smith, Sandra Campbell, Veronica Cortez, Randy Barragan

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Tracy Sato, Riverside Public Utilities

Chair Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were four participants who addressed the Commission:

- Monica Larios, representing Discount Medical Equipment and Supply, shared information about solutions for mobility, rehabilitation, and daily living needs.
- Veronica Cortez, Recreation Services Coordinator with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, shared information about upcoming senior events at various senior community centers.
- Claudia Penate, representing Home Instead, shared information about in-home care services offered.
- Randy Barragan, Office Operations Supervisor with the Special Transit Division, shared information about a new mobile application for scheduling rides.

PRESENTATION

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Tracy Sato, Riverside Public Utilities, Assistant General Manager provided information on programs and resources available to the senior community, including Scam Alerts awareness.

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 November 17, 2025 meeting were approved with a correction suggested by Commissioner Dove: the activity attended, Trinity Therapeutic Writing Club, was corrected to *Trinity Therapeutic Riding Club*.

Motion: Dove
 Second: Kwasman
 Abstain: Kelly, Coon
 Ayes: Bash, Dove, Kwasman, Roberts
 Absent: Clark, Pendergraft

DISCUSSION ITEMS

WORK PLAN REVIEW

After review and discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposed Commission on Aging 2026 Annual Work Plan.

Motion: Kwasman
 Second: Bash
 Abstain: None
 Ayes: Kelly, Bash, Coon, Dove, Kwasman, Roberts
 Absent: Clark, Pendergraft

COMMUNICATIONS

AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- I. Housing – Commissioner Bash attended January 13, meetings regarding housing at the Quality Inn.
- II. Senior Health – No report.
- III. Events - Handed out Christmas cards to convalescent hospitals, La Sierra Christmas party, Christmas dinner at the Country Club Senior Park, Dales Senior Center, and at the Meadows monthly meeting.
- IV. Environment – No report.
- V. Mobility – No report.

UPDATES OF EVENTS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Kelly attended:
 - December 17, La Sierra Senior Center holiday party
 - December, Blue Zones Project presentation
 - Habitat for Humanity Event
- Commissioner Coon attended:
 - Military Event at Janet Goeske
- Commissioner Dove attended:
 - November 19, Bordwell Park Advisory Meeting
 - January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Walk
 - January 22, Blue Zones Vision Board party at Raincross Center
 - January 27, Inland Aging Collation, Zoom meeting
- Vice Chair Kwasman attended:
 - November 18, Turkey Dinner at the Janet Goeske Center
 - December 6, Holiday Festival at the Janet Goeske Center
 - December 10, the Mayor’s Senior Forum at the Janet Goeske Center
 - December 17, Giving Tree Telethon at the Janet Goeske Center
 - Magnolia Nursing Home Holiday Cards
 - January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Walk

- January 28, State of the City at the Riverside Convention Center
- Chair Roberts attended:
 - Date November 19, Bordwell Advisory Meeting at Bordwell Park
 - December 19, City Council Meeting
 - January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk
 - January 28, Bordwell Park Advisory Meeting
 - January 28, State of the City at the Riverside Convention Center

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Commissioner Dove requested:
 - That staff explore the possibility organizing a Senior Expo in the future.
 - Discussion on a Budget Increase.
- Commissioner Coon requested to invite Riverside Police Department: You Are Not Alone (Y.A.N.A.) to deliver a presentation on their program or come in and do a brief update during Public Comment.
- Commissioner Kelly requested a recognition for the two artist that were selected for the Christmas Cards.
- Vice Chair Kwasman requested an update on flyer request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Dove shared announcements:
 - February 28, Fire Scoping and Fire Hardening Your Home from 10 a.m.- Noon at the La Sierra Senior Center
 - March 14, Dirt on Soil Seminar from 10 a.m.- Noon at Arlanza Library
 - ConnectIE.org or dial 211 for free community resources.
- Vice Chair Kwasman shared announcements:
 - February 7, Bingo Celebration beginning at Noon at the Janet Goeske Center.
 - February 7, Black History Month kick off.
 - February 11, Galentine Celebration at Janet Goeske Cener.
- Recreation Supervisor Summer Cremo shared announcements:
 - February 5, Thriving Thursday with Tennile & Jamal from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Bordwell, Stratton Community Center.
 - February 6, Feeding America Food Bank from 9-10:30 a.m. at the La Sierra Senior Center.
 - February 11, Sweets & Treats Luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
 - February 12, Love & Laughter Potluck from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Villegas Community Center.
 - February 17, IEHP Presentation: Healthy Heart from 9-10 a.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
 - February 17, Eldertainment: Unity & Heritage Luncheon from 12-1:30 p.m. at Bordwell, Stratton Community Center.
 - February 18, Black History Brunch from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
 - February 19, Jazz and Jive Luncheon from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the La Sierra Senior Center.
 - February 19, 55 & Better Excursion to the Reagan Library from 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.

- February 19, Thriving Thursday with Tennile & Jamal from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Bordwell, Stratton Community Center.
- February 19, Presentation on Healthy Aging from 10:30-11 a.m. at Villegas Community Center.
- February 26, Kaiser Presentation: Intro to Seniors from 9-10 a.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
- February 26, Forever Young at Heart Dinner Dance from 3-6 p.m. at Villegas Community Center.
- March 3, Dr. Seuss Breakfast from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
- March 11, Shamrocks & Shenanigans Luncheon from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. at the Dales Senior Center.
- March 12, March Into Luck Luncheon from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Villegas Community Center.
- March 19, 55 & Better Excursion to the Huntington Library from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2026

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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