



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024, 4 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Chair DuBois, Vice-Chair Roberts, Commissioners Bash, Clarke, Kelley, Kwasman and Pendergraft

ABSENT: Commissioners Aleman and Moti

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Galera, Director  
Jessica Ochoa, Recreation Superintendent  
Nicolas Avila, Recreation Supervisor  
Marnie Smith, Recreation Services Coordinator

Chair DuBois convened the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Via speaker card, John Burnett, Special Transportation Field Operations Supervisor spoke during public comment regarding Riverside Connect services offered and current fees.

Via speaker card, Felicia Brown, Recreation Services Coordinator spoke about upcoming senior events at Stratton Community Center/Bordwell Park, Dales Senior Center, La Sierra Senior Center and Villegas Community Centers and she distributed fliers.

### PRESENTATION

#### FUN PLACES TO WALK

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Pamela Galera delivered the presentation on Fun Places to Walk.

Chair DuBois commented that she is not a walker, but a cyclist, questioned if there was a safe space for biking.

Director Galera offered various locations and explained the current plan of adding bike and walking trail in the Gage Canal.

Commissioner Pendergraft mentioned walkers often cannot hear due to wearing

earbuds.

Vice-Chair Roberts acknowledged walking Andulka Park, questioned public safety as she has seen coyotes in the park.

Director Galera mentioned the awareness campaign about coyotes, bob cats and mountain lions.

Commissioner Kwasman mentioned taking a stick or taser when walking.

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Committee received and ordered to file the presentation from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Kwasman and seconded by Commissioner Clarke. The motion was carried.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of October 21, 2024, meeting was approved, with corrections suggested by Chair DuBois to correct Project Food to Project Feed.

#### ATTENDANCE

Absence of Commissioner Aleman from September 16, 2024, meeting was unexcused.

Absence of Chair DuBois from September 16, 2024, meeting was excused.

Absence of Vice-Chair Roberts from October 21, 2024, meeting was excused.

#### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

##### COMMISSION ON AGING DRAFT 2025 WORKPLAN

Following the discussion, and without formal motion, the Commission received and ordered to file the Workplan with one change.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- I. HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE - No Report Given
- II. SENIOR HEALTH AD HOC COMMITTEE - No Report Given
- III. EVENTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kelley reported attending the Purple Boat Float event on November 10, 2024, there were 15 organizations representing resource booths for Alzheimer's and Dementia.

Commissioner Robert shared attending the Purple Boat Float and it being emotional when the boats with the candles were released.

Commissioner Kelley asked that all commissioners sign the COA Holiday Card.

IV. ENVIRONMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE - No Report Given.

V. MOBILITY AD HOC COMMITTEE - No Report Given

#### UPDATES ON CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND REGIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kwasman sent a flier to the City of Riverside senior centers regarding COA meeting dates and asked to please post.

Chair DuBois attended a fundraiser for Aquamotion to raise funds for scholarships on October 12.

Chair DuBois attended the Inland Empire Master Plan update meeting on September 27 and distributed an Inland Empire Master Plan packet to each commissioner, along with a copy of the letter she sent to key people in the City of Riverside.

Chair DuBois attended the Zoom meeting for Riverside County Transportation Commission on September 30. She continues to assist Project Feed serving meals and support for the unhoused and seniors.

#### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

None given at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

The Commission on Aging meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARNIE SMITH  
Recreation Services Coordinator