

City of Arts & Innovation

## COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024, 5 P.M.  
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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PRESENT: Vice Chair Straight, and Commissioners Moti, DeBus, Roberts, Kelley, Bash and Kwasman

ABSENT: Chair DuBois, Commissioner Keller

STAFF PRESENT: Marnie Smith, Pamela Galera, Noemi Lopez, Nicholas Avila

Vice Chair Straight convened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Commission.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Moti with and seconded by Commissioner Kelley to approve the Consent Calendar with as written. The motion carried with Chair DuBois and Commissioner Keller absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the November 20, 2023, meeting was approved as written.

### ABSENCE

The absence of Chair DuBois from the November 20, 2024, meeting was recorded as excused.

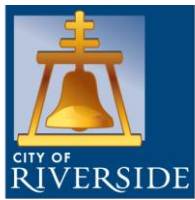
### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### AD HOC COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Kelley and seconded by Commissioner Moti with 1 change. The motion was carried unanimously with Chair DuBois and Commissioner Keller absent.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### ADVOCACY AD HOC COMMITTEE



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Commissioner Moti announced no meeting for Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee would like to know if the results have been received for AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey. Marnie Smith reported AARP is expected to send survey results to Commissioner Keller by end of January 2024.

### EVENTS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Vice Chair Straight announced the Events Ad Hoc Committee distributed Holiday Cards at Bordwell Park, Bryant Park, Villegas Community Center, La Sierra Senior Center, Janet Goeske Senior Center. Commissioner Moti announced she also distributed at UCR Neighborhood Community.

### RESOURCES AD HOC COMMITTEE

There was no update from the Resources Ad Hoc Committee.

### EMERGENCY AD HOC COMMITTEE

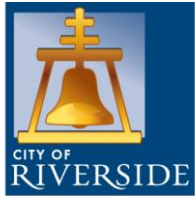
There was no update from the Emergency Ad Hoc Committee.

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

Commissioner Kelley reached out to Central Community Christian Fellowship regarding food give-away. The church distributes on Wednesday 8 – 10am. They are located at 5623 Arlington Ave. Commissioner DeBus attended the Cultural Heritage Board meeting on Wednesday, January 17 prior to COA meeting. Discussion was about Sears Building reported it was a lively discussion on how to preserve the building. Commissioner Moti visited Bordwell Park, community members asked to bring back the covered bus stops. She visited Villegas and a few seniors expressed concern about elder abuse and resources. Commissioner Moti spoke with UCR members, they need a community senior center and were concerned with upkeep of the Box Mountain Park.

### ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioner Roberts would like a presentation in the future on Affordable Housing for Seniors. Commissioner Bash would like to distribute cards around Valentines. Commissioner Kelley discussed distributing cards 4 times a year. Commissioner DeBus interjected about distributing cards too often and suggested they pick and choose the



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best time of the year and to consider the budget. Commissioner Moti would like presentations on rooms and boards for seniors. She received some cards at purple boat float. Marnie Smith asked to have the cards received sent to her to be added to the current list of requested presentations. Commissioner Kwasman asked how they go about bringing senior health fairs back and hosting them.

Suggestion made by Marnie Smith if there were no items for future consideration for February 21 special meeting that the COA consider cancelling the meeting. It was motioned that the February special meeting be cancelled by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Moti. The motion was carried unanimously with Commissioner DeBus, Commissioner Bash disagreeing, Chair DuBois and Commissioner Keller absent.

The Commission on Aging adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARNIE SMITH  
Recreation Services Coordinator