



Mayor's Commission on Aging
Minutes from Thursday, May 12, 2011
Approved as Amended on June 9, 2011
Bordwell Park/Stratton Community Center
2009 Martin Luther King Blvd.

City of Arts & Innovation

The mission of the Riverside Mayor's Commission on Aging is to enhance the quality of life for seniors in our community. We study local senior issues to learn about current programs, define future needs, and reference best practices. We then make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on ways we think the City of Riverside can maintain and improve its status as a Senior-Friendly Community.

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Pardee called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and led the pledge.

Members in Attendance:

Julie Brown-Tartaglino
Don Coon
Mary Holley
Cyndi Pardee
Sandy Tarmo

Freeda Carter
Bud Fish
Marie Leggette
Adeny Schmidt

City Staff in Attendance:

Nancy Castillo, Valerie DeVilla, Betty Perez, Ebony Perkins, and Deisy Ruiz.

Guests in Attendance:

Lucia Benavidez, Eleanor Brace, Kristina Carolina, Mayra DeReza, Izaro Elorduy, Ana Faber, Glenda Fleming, Rob Hunt, Ann Kasper, Kim Morgan, Klet Phon, Phyllis Purcell, Jerry Rosine, John Rucker, Marnice Smith, Tom Taylor, and Kristen VanHala.

II. Community Center Welcome & Update – Ebony Perkins

Ebony Perkins, Recreation Services Coordinator at Bordwell Park/Stratton Community Center, welcomed the commissioners and guests to the Center. She also distributed the quarterly newsletter for the Center.

III. Oral Communications from the Audience

Mr. Tom Taylor distributed a draft of his guide to hearing aids for the Commissioners' review and consideration for endorsement.

Ms. Phyllis Purcell expressed her concern for the way redevelopment funds are being spent.

Ms. Ann Kasper noted the California Senior Legislature is working on identifying a legislator to introduce a bill that will reduce the cost of hearing aids.

Commissioner Schmidt joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2011

Motion made by Commissioner Holley, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve the minutes from April 14, 2011 as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

V. Community Services Division Report

Betty Perez, Recreation Services Coordinator, reported Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Administrative Office has officially been moved to its new location on Magnolia Avenue. The Grand Opening of the new office will be held on Saturday, May 14. The Dales Senior Center will continue to offer classes at the Chestnut Street location until July 1.

VI. Guest Speakers:

Robin McMullen, Curtailing Abuse Related to the Elderly (C.A.R.E) Program – In Celebration of Older Adult Month during May, Ms. McMullen shared information on the number of services offered to the elderly through this program. Some services provided through this program include assistance with and/or prevention for: elder abuse; elder fraud/scam; identity theft; and life planning.

Marnice Smith, Meeting Seniors Needs Hotline (MSNH) Inc. – Ms. Smith introduced Mr. John Rucker, MSNH President to introduce the

organization. As a newly formed non-profit, MSNH's focus is to meet the needs of seniors in the community.

Scott Leider & Leah Flores, IGNITION Outreach Ministries – Mr. Leider was not able to present at this time.

VII. 2011 Commission Goals

Chair Pardee distributed a working document with ideas to be considered as the Commission works to meet its 2011 Goals. Commissioners were asked to review the document and bring feedback to the next meeting. Chair Pardee will request a meeting with the Mayor to review the Commission's goals and next steps.

VIII. Financial Report

Deisy Ruiz reported a trust account balance of \$1,176.18.

Motion made by Commissioner Tarmo, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

A. Fundraising Subcommittee Report

Sponsorship request letters were distributed for Commissioners to mail out to potential sponsors.

IX. Spring Fling Debrief

Commissioners would like to expand the list of invitees for this event. Commissioner Tarmo will work with Deisy Ruiz to expand the list.

Commissioner Schmidt left the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

X. Updates & Announcements

A. Senior Corps Office

Jerry Rosine, Senior Corps Coordinator, reported he is currently focused on placing volunteers at the sites that have established MOUs.

B. Photography Contest

Deisy Ruiz reported preparations were set for the Photography Contest Exhibit and Reception scheduled to take place Wednesday, May 18. Estimated budget for the event was also shared with the Commissioners.

C. Senior Awards

Chair Pardee appointed Commissioners Holley, Leggette, and Brown-Tartaglino to the Senior Awards Subcommittee.

D. Correspondence

No correspondence at this time.

XI. Items for Future Commission Consideration

A. Invite representatives from RTA, T.R.I.P., and the Riverside County Office on Aging for future presentations.

B. Consider hosting a C.A.R.E. Seminar – Commissioners Coon and Tarmo will explore this.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

The next Mayor's Commission on Aging Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, at 1:00 p.m., Location: Janet Goeske Senior Center 5257 Sierra Street