



REGULAR MEETING

The Commission On Seniors convened in a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 2014, Boards and Commissions, First floor in room 1101, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ann Kitchen called the meeting to order at 12:10p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jacqueline Angel	Erica Garcia-Pittman	Joyce Lauck
Dr. Tom Coopwood	Martin Kareithi	Dan Pruett
Cecilia Crossley	Ann Kitchen	Jennifer Scott

Staff in Attendance:

Willie Williams, COA-HHSD	Edna Staniszewski, COA-HHSD
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1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) April 16, 2014 Regular Meeting

- Correction: Change meeting date to April 9, 2014
- Commissioner Dan Pruett motioned to accept the minutes of April 9, 2014.
- Commissioner Dr. Tom Coopwood seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 7-0-0.

B) April 25, 2014 Special Called Meeting

- Commissioner Dan Pruett motioned to accept the minutes of April 25, 2014.
- Commissioner Dr. Tom Coopwood seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 7-0-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A) Update from the working group on “Complete Street Policy” to the Austin Transportation Department.

- Gordon Derr from Austin Transportation Department presented a potential “Complete Street Policy” resolution for the commission’s consideration. The requested resolution would be presented at the June 12, 2014 City Council meeting.

a) Actions Taken:

- Commissioner Joyce Lauck made a motion to support the “Complete Street Policy” resolution. An additional recommendation for the resolution, include the commission’s desire that the Austin Transportation Department:
 1. Complete a matrix reflecting the percentage increase of bikers and walkers.
 2. Establish some level of priority for seniors during the implementation process.
 3. Seek the commissions input during the development of the implementation steps.
- Member Cecilia Crossley seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 7-0-0.

Commissioners Martin Kareithi and Erica Pittman-Garcia joined the dais at 12:20pm

B) Commission Work Plan – Updates

- Minutes from the 4/25/14 Special Called Meeting were reviewed.
- No action taken

C) Letters submitted on behalf of Commission on Seniors – Chair Ann Kitchen

- i. To the entities requesting that they send to the Commission their policies related to age inclusivity and a summary of how these policies are used in decision making, future planning, and budgetary impact.
 - Commissioner Jennifer Scott made a motion to send an invite instead of letter to the most appropriate housing representative from the City to the June’s meeting to answer questions regarding senior housing. All questions from the commissioners to be submitted to Staff liaison and sent to Neighborhood Housing and Community Development (NHCD), Housing Authority of City of Austin (HACA), and the Planning Department.
 - Member Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0-0.
- ii. To the Boards and Commission Transition Taskforce opposing the merge of the Commission on Seniors and Austin Mayors Committee of People with Disabilities
 - Board reviewed the recommendation reported to the City Council on May 13, 2014 from the Boards and Commissions Transition Workgroup.

- Commissioner Joyce Lauck made a motion to amend the resolution and agrees in keeping the two Commission's separate. The Commission on Seniors understands and supports the value of collaborating with the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and recommends scheduling a joint meeting every six months with alternating meeting schedule between the Commission on Seniors and the Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities.
- Commissioner Jennifer Scott seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 9-0-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) Presentation by Commissioner Jacqueline Angel

“Austin Property Tax Options for Seniors” [15 minutes]

- Chair Ann Kitchen volunteered to work with Jacqueline Angel to research the need for broader range of property tax options and to what other communities have in place.
- No action taken.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A) Update - Commission on Seniors.

- Stay Fit Program has postponed their request to present to the Commission on Seniors.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation from the Health and Human Services Department budget office.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:33p.m.