



REGULAR MEETING

The Commission On Seniors convened in a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 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 10:05a.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jacqueline Angel	Erica Garcia-Pittman	Joyce Lauck	Monica Saavedra
Dr. Tom Coopwood	Martin Kareithi	Fred Lugo	
Cecilia Crossley	Ann Kitchen	Dan Pruett	

Staff in Attendance:

Willie Williams, COA-HHSD Edna Staniszewski, COA-HHSD

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2014 MEETING.

Commissioner Dan Pruett motioned to accept the June 11, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Joyce Lauck seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8-0-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A) Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.

- Commissioner Jacqueline Angel and Chair Ann Kitchen are working on the Property Tax options. Presentation of the information to the Board at the August meeting.
- No action taken

Commissioner Erica Garcia-Pittman joined the dais at 10:12a.m.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) Commissions Transition Report Survey

- Section 2
 - Commissioner Martin Kareithi motioned that the language be adopted that states our two commissions (Commission on Seniors and Commission on Persons with Disabilities) will meet no more than twice a year and/or hold subcommittee workgroups meetings at the recommendation of the liaisons and the chairs of the two joint committees. Additionally, that language be included that indicates our opposition to the merger of the two groups.
 - Commissioner Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0-0.

Commissioner Monica Saavedra joined the dais at 10:30a.m

- Section 1
 - Commissioner Dan Pruett motioned support of the current language with the addition of encouraging words and the council be made aware of that quorum issues could arise and to be a part of their consideration.
 - Commissioner Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 10-0-0.

- Back to Section 2
 - Commissioner Joyce Lauck motioned to add language to response section 2 that we remain an independent Commission on Seniors, also, that we represent the council, the mayor, Aging Services Council, Capital Metro, and Travis County and continue as part of the membership of 15.
 - Commissioner Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 10-0-0.

- Section 3
 - N/A

- Section 4
 - Commissioner Joyce Lauck motioned that language be added to indicate that we support any efforts by the city staff and volunteers on commissions to increase diversity and recruitment through the use of technology and other tools. And that we specifically encourage them to seek seniors and people who represent seniors as members of boards across all fields of interest.
 - Commissioner Dan Pruett seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 10-0-0.

- Commissioner Monica Saavedra motioned that language be included to indicate that we encourage diversification in board participation by incorporating more at-large strategies to obtain information via verbal notifications, print, and easier access to attend meetings.
- Commissioner Jacqueline Angel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 10-0-0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A) Update - Commission on Seniors.
 - a. Please notify City staff if unable to attend a meeting.
 - b. Commissioners' feedback was requested for Commissions Transition Report Survey. Individual responses should be submitted by August 1, 2014.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Presentation for August
 - Chair Ann Kitchen and Commissioner Jacqueline Angel on Tax Proposal Options.
- B. Topics for the future
 - Capital Metro on its office of mobility management
 - Parks and Recreation focusing on senior centers and their transportation programs.
 - RBJ center update on expansion and affordable housing for low income seniors.
 - Austin Energy specifically providing services to low income citizens.
- C. End of the year
 - TX legislation on PACE funding
 - Basic Transportation Needs Fund by Commissioner Joyce Lauck.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:42p.m.