



**APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING**

The Commission On Seniors convened in a regular meeting on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, Meals On Wheels And More Office, Second floor in room 232, 3227 E. 5th Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Ann Kitchen called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance:

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

- Citizen communication moved after item 3A.
- John Woodley – discuss item 3A.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 13, 2014 MEETING.

- Commissioner Jacqueline Angel would like to add the 3 policy options to the minutes of their presentation section.
- Commissioner Cecilia Crossley motioned to accept amended minutes
- Commissioner Tom Coopwood seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Martin Kareithi abstained due to not being present at the August meeting.
- Motion passed 7-0-1.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A) Presentation by Michelle Meaux from Capital Metro.

- Goal is to create a seamless transportation with all providers.
- Three organizations working closely with seniors:
 - i. Drive a Senior – provides a volunteer-based transportation to persons age 60 and over, who are enrolled in the program.
 - ii. Age of Central Texas – provides transportation for their members between AGE Adult Day Centers and the member’s homes.
 - iii. Austin Parks and Recreation Department – provide a special system of transportation to enhance quality of life, and promote independence for persons age 60 years and over in the greater Austin area.

- Currently collecting data on gaps and demographics.
- Capital Metro to present data to board sometime next year.
- No action taken.

Commissioner Fred Lugo and Commissioner Erica Pittman-Garcia joined the dais at 12:20pm

B) Presentation by Tiffany Cabin from City of Austin Parks and Recreation.

- Department is committed to providing an environment that encourages adults age 50 and older to maintain an active, healthy and independent lifestyle through recreational, educational and cultural programs and services.
 - Senior Activity Centers
 - Recreation Centers
- Current North Lamar facility closed for ADA modifications, possible opening in November.
- No action taken.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.

- No updates this month on the Senior Property Tax Exemptions and Abatements.
- No action taken

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A) Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors.

- Next month’s meeting will be at City Hall.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. October presentations by:

- Helen Varty from Rebekah Baines Johnson (RBJ) Center

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:30p.m.