



REGULAR MEETING

The Commission On Seniors convened in a regular meeting on WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015, Boards and Commissions, First floor in room 1101, 301 W. 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Staff Liaison Edna Staniszewski called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Janee Briesemeister	Fred Lugo	Jennifer Scott
Erica Garcia-Pittman	Mary Milam	Sally VanSickle
David Gray	Dan Pruett	Peter Varteressian

Board Members Absent:

Martin Kareithi

Staff in Attendance:

Edna Staniszewski, COA-HHSD

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Joyce Lauck – Introduced herself as an appointee of Council Member Sheri Gallo – District 10. She hopes to join the group for next month’s meeting.

1. NEW BUSINESS

A. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners.

- The board completed a roundtable of introductions.

B. Introduction of Staff Liaisons.

- Staff liaisons introduced herself and mentioned how a new person will be on board soon.

C. Discuss the mission of the Board.

- A summary of the vision and mission was given to the new Commissioners.

D. Election of Officers.

- Commissioner Peter Varteressian made a motion to elect Commissioner Dan Pruett for Chair
 - Commissioner David Gray seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0.

- Commissioner David Gray nominated himself for Vice-Chair.
 - Commissioner Jennifer Scott seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0.
- E. Discuss and/or amend Bylaws.
- Item moved to the August meeting as per requested by the City Clerk's office.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2015 MEETING.

- Commissioner Jennifer Scott made a motion to accept the minutes.
 - Commissioner Erica Garcia-Pittman seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.

- Work Plan from past Commissioners to be presented to new Commissioners in August.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors.

- i. City email addresses and attendance requirements.
 - Restated the requirements given during the training on email addresses and absences.
- ii. Review and discuss 2015 Meeting Calendar.
 - Discussed the gaps in the calendar where the Boards and Commissions room is not available
 - The meeting in August will be located at the Meals on Wheels.
 - The meeting in September could be at a community center.
 - The meeting in November is scheduled on the 11th and the city offices are closed. Would we like to meet with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities on November 9th? A new ordinance was passed and it requires the Commission to meet with them periodically.
- iii. Community Meetings.
 - Presented two options: Rosewood Zaragoza and South Austin. Staff Liaison to follow up on the size of the rooms.

- Commissioner David Gray made a motion to meet at one of the community centers in September and to join the November 9th meeting with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities. Commissioner David Gray recommended that the community meetings take place within each of the 10 districts. He recommended Council Member Don Zimmerman's neighborhood office.
 - Staff liaison to follow up with Council Member Zimmerman's office for accessibility.
 - Commissioner Sally VanSickle seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-0.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Next month's meeting scheduled at Meals on Wheels and More, Inc.
- B. Transportation
- C. Veterans (ECHO)
- D. Hispanic Quality of Life
- E. Work Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.