



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
(DECEMBER 9, 2015)**

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

Chair, Dan Pruett, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dan Pruett, Chair	Erica Garcia-Pittman	Martin Kareithi	Peter Varteressian
David Gray, Vice Chair	Joyce Lauck	Mary Milam	
Janee Briesemeister	Fred Lugo	Sally Van Sickle	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ray Cabrera	Thomas McDowell	Jennifer Scott
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Staff in Attendance:

Edna Staniszewski, COA HHSD

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- Teresa Ferguson, Director of Austin UP!
 - A focus group meeting to take place on January 12, 2016 from 4-6pm at the Dell Jewish Community Center.
 - To get input from seniors and taking it to the businesses.
 - The Commissioners requested to have item posted in case a quorum is in attendance for the meeting.
- Ani Colt
 - Aging and Neighborhood - part of the Mueller Neighborhood Association.
 - Current newsletter out. Item to bring at a later time.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2015 MEETING.

- Commissioner Peter Varteressian motioned to accept minutes with the following revisions:
 - Change the word “hired” to “hire” under 3A; first bullet as per Commissioner Joyce Lauck’s request.
 - Confirm and revise attendance list as per sign in sheet.
 - Add the Commissioners not in attendance.

- Commissioner David Gray seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 9-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.

- Mary Teeters stated how there were no updates to the work plan since a November meeting did not take place. She will add today's meeting information to that plan.
- Transportation Working Group (Commissioners: Kareithi, Lauck, Scott, Gray, Briesemeister; and Mary Teeters)
 - Invited guest speakers Michelle Meaux and Annelese Jones from Capital Metro/Office of Mobility Management to their meeting.
 - Reported on issues, jurisdiction, and how to locate transportation options.
 - Number of calls that come into mobility; the type of calls; how many calls per district and the surrounding county.
 - Hoping to invite more guests for their January meeting like Drive a Senior.
 - The working group will bring a recommendation to the board and possibly to council.
 - One challenge we have is in being creative in how we present it to Council; maybe a range of recommendations.
- Livable City Working Group (Commissioners: Briesemeister, Van Sickle, Scott, Gray, Garcia-Pittman; Angela Attwood and Teresa Ferguson from AustinUp!; Jessica Lemann and Carla Penny from AARP; and Mary Teeters)
 - Last meeting was on November at the AARP office.
 - AustinUP! Shared the 8 domains of livable; provided examples of other cities; provided a template to draft a plan.
 - Draft plan to be presented to the Board in March.
 - Meeting at AARP next week at 7:45am.

Commissioner Erica Garcia-Pittman joined the dais at 12:30pm.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss proposal on length of the meetings (Commissioner Gray).

- Commissioner David Gray motioned that we lengthen our meetings ½ hour more to allot more time to conduct our business.
- After some discussion, Commissioner Peter Varteressian seconded the motion
- Motion passed 8-2. Commissioners Joyce Lauck and Martin Kareithi opposed the motion.
- Proposed times discussed were 11:30am-1:30pm or 12p-2pm.

- Commissioner Peter Varteressian made a motion for the meeting to take place from 12p-2pm.
 - Commissioner David Gray seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed 9-1. Commissioner Mary Milam opposed the motion.
- B. Adopt the 2016 Calendar.
- Commissioner Sally Van Sickle made a motion to adopt the 2016 Calendar.
 - Commissioner David Gray seconded the motion
 - Motion passed 10-0.
- C. Presentation – PRP study on community support for the elderly in the City of Austin (LBJ School students and former Commissioner Jacqueline Angel).
- Jacqueline Angel presented her LBJ students. Introduction of the students took place.
 - Aging in Place
 - i. Innovative options for Dual Eligible Austin Seniors
 - ii. Identified two options for Austin: Star+Plus and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
 - iii. Four (4) Perspectives and Four (4) Models
 - State; Economic Costs
 - Federal; Economic Costs
 - Provider; Economic Costs
 - Client; Cost Consequence
 - iv. An increase need for affordable housing
 - v. 6% of homeowners to move due to costs
 - vi. Challenge is at state level
 - vii. Eldercare Summit Invitation on April 12, 2016 at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, Bass Lecture Hall, The University of Texas at Austin.
 - viii. The Commissioners requested to have item posted in case a quorum is in attendance for the Summit meeting.
 - ix. Presentation to be posted on website.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors.
- Update on the Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities meeting.
 - i. The two chairs will schedule a meeting to discuss the logistics of having the joint meeting.
 - Refresher on email agreement and board policies.
 - i. Staff liaison passed out information on the policies.

- Social gathering.
 - i. Mentioned how Commissioner Mary Milam would like to hold a gathering for the board to meet and socialize without having to discuss business. As a short term suggestion, the board could arrive early to do a meet and greet or wait until after the meeting. Item to be discussed in further details later.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- John Eastman, Sidewalk Master Plan.
 - i. Staff to follow up on deadline
 - ii. Feedback needed from the board
 - iii. To bring to February's meeting

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Erica Garcia-Pittman motioned to adjourn meeting
- Commissioner David Gray seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.