



COMMISSION ON SENIORS RECOMMENDATION 20160630-04iib

Date: June 8, 2016

Subject: Age Friendly Community Action Plan Recommendation

Motioned By: Varteressian

Seconded By: Cohen

Recommendation

The Commission on Seniors voted 13-0 to recommend an Age Friendly Community Action Plan, to retain its status as an age-friendly community in the World Health Organization's Age-friendly Cities and Communities Program. The Commission has recommended an Action Plan to address key issues and challenges faced by seniors, in each of the eight Domains of Livability identified by the WHO.

Description of Recommendation to Council

See attached plan

Rationale:

The senior population in the Austin metro area is one of the fastest growing in the country. In 2012 the Mayor's Task Force on Aging recommended that Austin be designated an "age-friendly" community under the AARP Network of Age-friendly Communities, an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Age-friendly Cities and Communities Program. However, Austin lacks an Age Friendly Action Plan and is at risk of losing its age-friendly designation, as well as lagging behind other U.S. cities. In September 2015, Austin's Commission on Seniors formed a working group comprised of members of the Commission, AARP, AustinUP, and regional aging-related service organizations, to bring to fruition recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Aging, including the development of an Action Plan to transform Austin into an Age-friendly City. An Age Friendly Action Plan is consistent with, and builds upon the goals of Imagine Austin.

Vote

For: Briesemeister, Varteressian, Cagle, Cohen, Garcia-Pittman, Gray, Kareithi, Lauck, Lugo, McDowell, Pruett, Scott, Van Sickle

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest: