

**COMMISSION ON SENIORS  
JANUARY 11, 2017 AT 12:00PM  
CITY HALL EXECUTIVE SESSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, RM 1027  
301 W. SECOND STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**



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**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

There may be discussion and action on any of the following items:

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in order of sign-up and will be allowed three minutes to speak about items posted or not on the agenda.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12, 2016 MEETING.**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Briefing and discussion regarding programming and services provided for seniors by Austin Public Health and identified unmet needs for seniors (Maria Allen, Manager for Neighborhood Services, Austin Public Health and Robert Kingham, Social Services Policy Manager, Austin Public Health)
- B. Briefing and discussion regarding programming and services provided for seniors by Austin Public Library and identified unmet needs for seniors (Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Austin Public Library)
- C. Briefing and discussion regarding media relations (Bryce Bencivengo, Public Information Specialist Senior, City of Austin Communications and Public Information Office)
- D. Discussion regarding policies and regulations pertaining to pedestrian and bicycle access to drive-through services.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion regarding developing recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 City of Austin budget – Standing Item
- B. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
- C. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item

- i. Transportation
  - ii. Housing, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
  - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion
  - iv. Civic Participation and Employment; Communication and Information
  - v. Community Health Services
  - vi. Age Friendly City
- D. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)

## **5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors
- B. Discussion regarding time, date, and location for the February 2017 Commission on Seniors meeting

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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For more information on the Commission on Seniors, please contact Laura Williamson at (512) 972-5206 or at [laura.williamson2@austintexas.gov](mailto:laura.williamson2@austintexas.gov).