



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

REGULAR
(September 13, 2017)

The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at the A.B. Cantu Pan-American Recreation Center – 2100 East 3rd Street, Austin, Texas 78702

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:06p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Sandra Serna</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
	<i>Josue Guillen</i>		

Board Members not in Attendance:

Patricia Bordie, Martin Kareithi

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health
Laura Williamson, Austin Public Health
Elena Smart, Austin Public Health

The board introduced themselves.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- i. Jeremiah Bush, BBVA Compass Bank
 - a. Mr. Bush presented his bank’s support for the affordable housing initiative presented by Ms. Mok of the Asian American Cultural Center (item 3B).
- ii. Jessica Lemann, AARP
 - a. Ms. Lemann responded to questions regarding the Age Friendly Action Plan metrics submission process (item 4D(v)a)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS AUGUST 9, 2017 MEETING

- Vice Chair Varteressian motioned to pass the minutes with minor corrections
- Commissioner Lugo seconded the motion
- Motion passed 13-0

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation and discussion regarding needs for adults over 60 based on data collected from 2-1-1/United Way for Greater Austin (Amy Price, 2-1-1 Director of Community Information, United Way for Greater Austin)

- Ms. Price confirmed that data on community trends can be accessed on 211’s website.
 - Ms. Price stated that the data on the needs and locations of residents 65+ has been shared with the Commission previously and will be circulated following the meeting.
 - Ms. Price explained the 211 data collection training process, which occurs quarterly but can be tailored to the needs of trainees.
- B. Presentation and discussion regarding senior housing and multi-generational program (Amy Wong Mok, Asian American Cultural Center)
- Ms. Mok explained that there are three acres of land under management of the Asian American Cultural Center, only 20% of which is currently being utilized. Ms. Mok proposes to build an affordable senior living center, which will create a multi-generational use for the facility. The building will have one and two bedroom units.
 - The eligibility criteria for residing at the facility is twofold: the head of household must be 55+, and of Asian descent. If there are additional units available after satisfying the demand from the Asian community, it will be opened up for other senior communities.
 - Ms. Mok requested that the Commission on Seniors provide a letter of support for the use of the land, as proposed, which requires modifications to building code.
 - Chair Briesemeister informed Ms. Mok that the Commission will follow up with her regarding a potential letter of support, as the Chair and Commission have outstanding questions.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion regarding developing recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2017-18 City of Austin budget – Standing Item
General discussion on initiating work on proposals and budget recommendations, engaging partners in decision making, and formulating a communications plan earlier in the year.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding CodeNEXT recommendations.
- i. No discussion
- C. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
- i. No discussion.
- D. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
General discussion to revisit working group additions and changes. Request for chairs to consider what groups they would like to create, split, or pass to another commissioner. Request for commissioners to consider what groups they would like to join or chair.
- i. Transportation
 - a. No discussion.
 - ii. Housing, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
 - a. No discussion.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information
 - a. No discussion.
 - iv. Community Health Services
 - a. No discussion.
 - v. Age Friendly City

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- a. Ms. Lemann clarified for the Commission that the initial metrics submitted to AARP, which will be submitted to the World Health Organization, can be edited as needed in the future.
- b. Commissioner Van Sickle motioned that the Commission submit the Age Friendly Action Plan metrics to AARP, with any modifications submitted to Commissioner Van Sickle by September 20.
- c. Commissioner Serna seconded the motion.
- d. The motion passed 12-0, with Commissioner Angel off the dais.
- E. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - a. No discussion.
- F. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - a. Commissioner De Maria Nicola will be meeting with Mr. Oaks, Equity Office, to discuss the Commission on Seniors’ role in the Equity Taskforce. Chair Briesemeister will join the meeting.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors
 - i. Commissioner Hauser thanked Laura Williamson for her contributions to the Commission.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- i. Connections2025 (Capital Metro) will present in October
- ii. Support to rename Robert E. Lee Road
- iii. Possible support to Asian American Cultural Center senior housing initiative
- iv. Working Groups Chairs and Members
- v. Bond Advisory Taskforce
- vi. Commission Communication Strategy to City Council
- vii. Commission Calendar for 2019
- viii. Equity Office – Food Insecurity
- ix. Injury Prevention Program – Dell Seton Medical School at UT (scheduled for December)
- x. Tax Swap (AISD) (January)
- xi. Affordable Housing
- xii. Texas Veterans Commission / Veterans Affairs Office / State Veterans Services
- xiii. Hispanic Quality of Life
- xiv. Google representative
- xv. Foundation Communities
- xvi. Austin Energy – Weatherization and home repair
- xvii. Home renovation for seniors
- xviii. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists
- xix. Dell Medical School
- xx. CodeNEXT

ADJOURNMENT

- Vice Chair Varteressian motioned to adjourn meeting.
- Commissioner Garcia-Pittman seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 12-0 with Commissioner Angel off the dais.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.