



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(December 13, 2017)**

The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at the Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:03p.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>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

Josue Guillen, Martin Kareithi, Sandra Serna

Staff in Attendance:

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

The board introduced themselves.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. No items.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
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- Vice-Chair Varteressian motioned to pass the minutes.
- Commissioner Angel seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 11-0, Commissioner Garcia-Pittman off the dais.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioner Lugo are scheduled to present to the Travis County Commissioners Court on December 14, 2017. They will provide updates on the presentation during the January Commission on Seniors meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. Presentation: Economic Development Policy Update: Chapter 380, by David Colligan, Manager, Global Business Expansion Division and Julia Campbell, Business Development Program Manager, Economic Development Division.
 - i. Presentation consisted of the history, implementation, and current goals of the 380 plan.
 - a. More information can be found at www.austintexas.gov/investinaustin
 - b. Contact David.Colligan@austintexas.gov
 - ii. Discussion, questions, and comments followed.
- B. Presentation: Stepping On: An Evidence Based Falls Prevention Program. A Growing Partnership Between Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas and the City of Austin, by Kevin Rix, MPH, Injury Prevention Coordinator for Dell Seton Medical School at University of Texas at Austin.
 - i. Presentation consisted of the structure, implementation, results, goals, and expansion opportunities of the program.
 - a. Contact krix@ascension.org
 - ii. Questions and comments followed.
- C. Proposed changes to PARD fee schedules for recreation centers and senior centers (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. The previously prepared resolution pended due to item pulled from the December 14th Council agenda.
 - a. The Commission will monitor the situation and, in the future, reach out to the Parks Department for a progress report on the new fee schedule.
- D. Feedback from the December 7th meeting with ACM Hensley (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. ACM Hensley is temporarily Executive Sponsor of the Commission on Seniors.
 - ii. The Planning Department will tentatively own the FTE for data metrics collection through the Imagine Austin team.
 - a. Imagine Austin team provided feedback to Age Friendly Action Plan metrics.
 - iii. ACM Hensley will be meeting with staff who are collecting data on senior-related services provided by Departments.
 - iv. Next meeting scheduled for January 19th.
- E. Working Group membership and matters for consideration and recommendation (Janee Briesemeister).
 - i. General discussion on possible changes to the Working Groups (4 groups proposed):
 - a. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Team combined with Communications Domain Working Group
 - b. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - c. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Enjoyment Working Group
 - d. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - 1. Commissioners should have their working group member lists and priorities ready to possibly take action in January.
- F. Commission Calendar for 2018 (Michelle Friedman).

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- i. Staff will submit the 2018 meeting calendar to the City Clerk’s Office.
- ii. Location for March meeting is TBD.
- iii. Possible Working Meeting to be scheduled in the spring.
- iv. Joint meeting date and location still pending Mayor’s Committee on People with Disabilities decision.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister).

- i. No actions taken

B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item

- 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
 - a. The Group is to meet in January, before the next Commission of Seniors meeting on January 10th. The Group is to complete a strategic plan for the Commission to consider prior to ACM Hensley’s January 19th staff meeting.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding CodeNEXT recommendations (Janee Briesemeister)

- i. No actions taken

D. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)

- i. No discussion

E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)

- i. Commissioner De Maria Nicola updated the Commission on the Equity Action Tool team meetings, feedback, and next steps.
- ii. In January the Commission will possibly take action on recommendations to the Equity Action Tool.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. Overview of City of Austin Commission on Seniors

- i. No items

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Equity Action Tool Recommendation (January)
- B. Working Groups Chairs and Members (January)
- C. Sustainability Office Presentation (January)
- D. Consider changing Commission name to include “Quality of Life”
- E. Tax Swap (AISD)
- F. Texas Veterans Commission / Veterans Affairs Office / State Veterans Services

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- G. CodeNEXT
- H. Affordable Housing
- I. Hispanic Quality of Life
- J. Google representative
- K. Foundation Communities
- L. Austin Energy – Weatherization and home repair
- M. Home renovation for seniors
- N. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Van Sickle motioned to adjourn meeting.
- Commissioner Bordie seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 11-0, Commissioner Lugo off the dais.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm.