



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

(April 13, 2018)

**The Commission on Seniors convened a Joint Meeting with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities at the Board and Commission Room, Austin City Hall at 201 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas 78701**

**Chair, Brian Owens, called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

**Commission on Seniors Members in Attendance:**

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>	

**Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Members in Attendance:**

<i>Brian Owens, Chair</i>	<i>Diane Kearns-Osterweil</i>	<i>Danny Saenz</i>
<i>Jonathan Franks, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Chris Masey</i>	<i>Deborah Trejo</i>
<i>Rachel Gandy</i>	<i>Robin Orłowski</i>	<i>Sarah Webb</i>
<i>Joey Gidseg</i>		

**Commission on Seniors Board Members not in Attendance:**

*Karen Grampp    Billy Jackson    Jayant Sheth*  
*Adam Hauser    Fred Lugo*

**Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Members not in Attendance:**

*Kevin Jackson*

**COA Staff in Attendance:**

*Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health    David Ondich, ADA Program Manager*  
*Elena Smart, Austin Public Health*

The Commissions introduced themselves.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MARCH 09, 2018 MEETING**

- Vice Chair Jonathan Franks motioned to pass the Minutes.
- Motion passed 10-0.

**2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- A. Walter Moreau- Director of Foundation Communities. Provided the Committee with the

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previous year glance and requested support from the joint commissions regarding grant funding of the Foundation for the Fy2018/2019 budget cycle.

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Masey announced an upcoming open forum in Austin on August 27, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible action on assignment of Commissioners as leads on MVPD Priority Issues.
- Vice-Chair Franks made a motion that Commissioner Rachael Gandy be appointed as lead on the Public Safety Initiative.
  - Commissioner Deborah Trejo seconded the motion
  - Motion passed 10-0.
- B. Commissioner Robin Orlowski indicated that the Joint Inclusion Committee February 26, 2018 meeting did not make quorum and did not meet.
- C. Commissioner Deborah Trejo made a motion that the MCPD recommend that the City present to the MCPD and disability related stakeholders for review of CodeNext in order to make recommendations to the Land Use Commission.
- Vice Chair Jonathan Franks seconded the motion
  - Motion passed 10-0.

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. Diane Siler, Austin Budget Office made a presentation regarding the budget process as it relates to Board and Commission recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year.
- B. Mandy DeMayo, City of Austin, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department – Ms. DeMayo discussed the FY 2018-19 Annual Action Plan regarding programs and services to support affordable housing and public services for low- and moderate-income households, persons with disabilities, seniors and youth.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. No discussion.

**CHAIR BRIAN OWENS ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:10 PM**