



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(July 11, 2018)**

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

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>	<i>Jayant Sheth</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

Natalie Cagle *Billy Jackson*

Staff in Attendance:

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

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. No items.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
JUNE 13, 2018 MEETING**

A. Minutes approved, as amended.

- i. Motion moved by Commissioner Van Sickle
- ii. Seconded by Commissioner Sheth
- iii. Motion passed 9-0-2-1. Commissioners Hauser and Kareithi off the dais. Vice-Chair Varteressian abstained.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Cap City Village Celeb Salon (Sally Van Sickle)

- i. September 23, 2018 is the next event.
- ii. Judy Maggio will attend.

B. Senior Shuffle (Michelle Friedman)

- i. EMS provided Senior Home Safety Program, in collaboration with the Office of Design and Delivery and Austin Tech Alliance.

- ii. Wednesday July 25, 2018, 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.
- iii. Thursday July 26, 2018, 1-4pm. Michelle Friedman will attend both sessions.
- iv. Chair Briesemeister will represent the Commission at the evening brainstorming meetings.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on Boomers Collaborative Senior Co-op Housing Project, Carol Lilly and Karen Meschke, Austin Boomer's Collaborative.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. Presentation on City of Austin's Collaborative Work on the Age Friendly Action Plan, Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- C. Discussion on Senior Property Tax, Janee Briesemeister
 - i. Senior homeowner tax recommendations will be considered at next meeting.
- D. Review and Approval of Annual Internal Review, Janee Briesemeister
 - i. Vice-Chair Varteressian motioned to approve, pending amendment
 - ii. Motion seconded by Commissioner Van Sickle
 - iii. Motion passed 12-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group (Sally Van Sickle)
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group (Peter Varteressian)
 - No discussion.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group (Fred Lugo)
 - August meeting will discuss how to include the APH and PARD maps in the Asset Map, along with additional information from other groups.
 - Travis and Williamson Counties will be asked for information and input.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group (Erica Garcia-Pittman)
 - The 500 Cities Asset Map was presented at the last meeting. The asset map included APH and CDC information on chronic illness.
- C. Update on City of Austin Budget Recommendations – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. The Quality of Life Commissions have asked for a staff coordinator position, which has been approved, while the Commission on Seniors' request is not included the City Manager's FY 2019 budget. Possibly because Council assumes that the requests are for one position and not distinct from each other.

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- Chair Briesemeister requests that Commissioners meet with your Council members and differentiate between the requests for a Quality of Life Liaison and a Commission on Seniors Liaison.
- Michelle Friedman will provide an updated job description to the Commission.
- ii. Commissioners Nicola and Hauser will meet with the Mayor’s office July 16, 2018.
- iii. Commissioner Angel met with Council Member Alter and is awaiting feedback.
- iv. Commissioner Grampp met with Council Member Flannigan on June 20, 2018.
- D. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Chair Briesemeister will work on a Mission Statement to provide direction for the Committee.
- E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. The second round of the Equity Action tool includes age.
 - ii. Commissioner Nicola will send out old and new versions for comparison.
 - iii. The Equity Office Director will visit the Commission in September.
- F. Update on Bond Election Advisory Task Force – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Locations of August and September meetings
 - i. August meeting will be held at Meals on Wheels, 3227 E. 5th St, 78702
 - ii. September: BDHS Facility, 1183 Chestnut Avenue, 78723

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. PARD Asset Mapping project (August)
- B. 500 Cities project (August)
- C. City of Austin Legislative Agenda (August)
- D. Better Business Bureau (September)

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Nicola motioned to adjourn
- Vice-Chair Varteressian seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 12-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.