



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(August 8, 2018)**

The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at Meals on Wheels, Second Floor Board Room 3227 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78702

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Jayant Sheth</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

Sally Van Sickle Emily De Maria Nicola

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.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Jean Crawford from SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together). The Safety Fair will take place on September 7, 2018 from 9am-12pm at the Lamar Senior Activity Center. Events, presentations and guest speakers including Teresa Ferguson, from Austin UP.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
JULY 11, 2018 MEETING**

- A. Approved minutes.
- i. Motion moved by Commissioner Lugo.
 - ii. Seconded by Commissioner Hauser.
 - iii. Motion passed 10-0-2, with Commissioners Cagle and Bordie off the dais.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. City of Austin Fiscal Year 2019 Budget
- i. Age Friendly Action Plan position was included in the City Manager's budget proposal to City Council.
 - Please thank your Council Members for their support.

- ii. \$125,000 for mental health and dental screenings included.
 - Will look for ways to work with APH on implementation.
 - iii. Equity Office was approved for one position for the Quality of Life Commissions and one for Ending Racism training.
- B. Cap Metro new grant-funded senior route 493 (Martin Kareithi)
- i. Starting August 19, 2018, the new senior route will run from Lakeside to RBJ, serving Lions Garden, Oak Springs, Arlines, and the 7th St. HEB.
 - ii. 9am – 3pm one day a week.
 - iii. Other senior routes running three days a week include 490, 491, and 492.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on City of Austin Legislative Agenda, Brie Franco, Government Relations Department.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. Presentation on Parks and Recreation Department's Senior Service Asset Map, Allison Hardy, Parks and Recreation Department.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- C. Presentation on 500 Cities Initiative, Estephanie Olivares, Austin Public Health.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- D. Bond Package, Janee Briesemeister and Jacqueline Angel.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
 - ii. Council Member Alter's office will follow-up on any changes.
- E. Senior Property Taxes, Janee Briesemeister.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
 - ii. The Commission will vote in September, after the Anti-Displacement Taskforce releases their report.

3. 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
 - No discussion.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - Will invite the Anti-Displacement Taskforce to present at the next meeting, August 17, 2018 at Meals on Wheels.
 - The proposed budget is scheduled to be presented from 9-10:30am.
 - Michelle Friedman will also attend.

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- If other Commissioners attend, a Special Called Meeting will be posted.
- Discussion on Senior Shuffle event followed.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Chair Briesemeister will abstain from any vote to request a second Equity staff position because it may affect the currently proposed Commission on Seniors staff position that is included in the budget.
- D. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion.
- E. Update on Bond Election Advisory Task Force – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. The September 12, 2018 meeting will be held at the BBHS Facilities located at 1183 Chestnut Avenue.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City of Austin Equity Office (September)
- B. Senior Property Taxes (September)
- C. Tax Swap (AISD)
- D. Anti-Displacement Taskforce
- E. Affordable Housing and Home Renovation Coalition
- F. Austin Energy and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development – Weatherization and Home Repair
- G. Hispanic Quality of Life
- H. Google representative
- I. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

ADJOURNMENT

- Vice-Chair Varteressian motioned to adjourn
- Commissioner Garcia-Pittman seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 12-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.