



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(June 13, 2018)**

**The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at the South Austin
Neighborhood Center, 2508 Durwood Street, Austin, TX 78704**

Board Members in Attendance:

*Janee Briesemeister, Chair
Jacqueline Angel
Patricia Bordie*

*Natalie Cagle
Erica Garcia-Pittman
Adam Hauser*

*Billy Jackson
Martin Kareithi
Fred Lugo*

*Emily De Maria Nicola
Jayant Sheth*

Board Members not in Attendance:

Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair

Sally Van Sickle

Karen Grampp

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health

Elena Smart, Austin Public Health

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Linda Stewart, Waterloo Dance Club - Non-profit seniors square and line dance club that meets twice a week at the South Austin Senior Activity Center. Requested support in asking PARD to reinstate their previous reservation dates and times, which were reduced from Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:30-9pm, to only Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Fees were also increased.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MAY 9, 2018 MEETING and MINUTES FROM THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE
MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ON APRIL 13, 2018**

- A. Approved both minutes with potential edit to Citizen's Communication section in regular meeting minutes.
- Motion moved by Commissioner Pittman
 - Seconded by Commissioner Angel
 - Motion passed 11-0.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. No items.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Senior Tax exemptions and payment options, Marya Crigler, Chief Appraiser, Travis Central Appraisal District and Bruce Elfant, Tax Assessor and Voter Registrar, Travis County.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. City of Austin efforts for veteran seniors
 - i. Who is eligible for TSVH, John Perkins, Veterans Consultant, Texas Land Board.
 - ii. Senior Veterans Benefits, Allen Bergeron, Veterans Consultant, Human Resources Department.
 - iii. Texas Honor Flight, Tina Lee, Veterans Consultant, Human Resources Department.
 - iv. Questions and discussion followed each presentation.
- C. Chapter 380 policy update, Janee Briesemeister and Teresa Ferguson, AustinUP
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
 - ii. Recommendation 20180613-4C - Support for including employment and training programs for seniors in proposed changes to Chapter 380 economic development incentives.
 - Recommendation motioned by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
 - Seconded by Commissioner Hauser
 - Recommendation passed 10-0-1, Commissioner Sheth off the dais.
- D. Capital Metro's efforts to increase access to Senior Fare Identification cards, Martin Kareithi.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 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
 - No discussion.
- B. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.
- C. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion.
- D. Fiscal Year 2019 City of Austin Budget Recommendations – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.

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- E. Update on Bond Election Advisory Task Force – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister and Jacqueline Angel)
 - i. Recommendation 20180613-5E - Recommends funding in the 2018 Bond Election for RBJ and Dove Springs Health Facilities. Supports investments in facilities to provide healthcare and social services to seniors in multi-generational settings. Recommends adding \$3.8 million to the RBJ bond and \$16 million for Dove Springs Health Center.
 - Recommendation motioned by Commissioner Angel
 - Seconded by Commissioner Nicola
 - Recommendation passed 10-0-1, Commissioner Sheth off the dais.
- F. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion.
- G. Update on Anti-Displacement Taskforce Working Group (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. No Items.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Nicola motioned to adjourn
- Commissioner Kareithi seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 10-0-1, Commissioner Sheth off the dais.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.