



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(January 09, 2019)**

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>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Patricia Bordie</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

Jacqueline Angel Erica Garcia-Pittman Billy Jackson Martin Kareithi Jayant Sheth

Staff in Attendance:

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

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Teresa Ferguson, Austin UP – Age Friendly Business Certification update.
 - i. Luncheon planned for February
 - ii. February media event TBD, to coincide with KLRU focus on aging
 - iii. Questions and discussion followed

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
December 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

- A. Minutes approved.
 - i. Moved by Vice Chair Varteressian
 - ii. Seconded by Commissioner Nicola
 - iii. Minutes approved 9-0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. No items.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation of the senior asset map project, Marbenn Cayetano, Ashley Parsons, and

Happiness Kisoso, Communication and Technology Management, City of Austin.

- i. Questions, comments, discussion followed.
- B. Proposal for use of \$125,000 awarded to Austin Public Health for access to dental, mental and physical health services for low-income seniors, Commissioner Bordie
 - i. Discussion and questions followed.
 - Motion to adopt Proposal, as edited.
 - Moved by Commissioner Grampp
 - Seconded by Commissioner Cagle
 - Motion passed as amended 9-0
- C. Update on ASMP Resolution, Chair Briesemeister
 - i. Chair Briesemeister encouraged the Commission to review the resolution and consider comments.

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)
 - No discussion.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group (Peter Varteressian)
 - Representatives from Neighborhood Housing and Community Development and Meals on Wheels presented on the Housing Bond and the Housing Repair Audit.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group (Fred Lugo)
 - No discussion.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group (Michelle Friedman)
 - Cassie DeLeon requested a survey on RBJ residents. The survey will be discussed at the next group meeting as well as the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
 - February 1, 2019 is the CHIP Action Planning Summit.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Discussion and questions followed.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.
- E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. Chair Briesemeister attended and would like more Commissioners to be present to share duties.
 - ii. Discussion and questions followed.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. The Joint Meeting with the Mayor’s Taskforce on Aging will take place on February 8 from 5-7pm at the Boards and Commissions room in City Hall.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. MMCAC

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- B. Tax Swap (AISD)
- C. Anti-Displacement Taskforce
- D. Equity Action Tool Recommendation
- 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

- Commissioner Hauser motioned to adjourn.
- Commissioner Van Sickle seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 9-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:53pm.