



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(February 13, 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>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Jacqueline Angel 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 12:05 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. Ani Colt, Preston Tyree – Spoke on aging in place in Mueller and the Greenhouse Project. Asked the Commission for support of the project and to speak to their Council members about it.

i. Chair Briesemeister invited the speakers to visit the Housing work group.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
January 9, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

A. Minutes approved, as amended.

i. Moved by Commissioner Hauser

ii. Seconded by Commissioner Van Sickle

iii. Minutes approved 11-0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. No items.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Public Health Program Coordinator for the Age Friendly Action Plan,

- Tabitha Taylor, Austin Public Health (Tabitha Taylor, Cassandra DeLeon)
- i. Introduction of Tabitha Taylor, updates on project progress, and future goals.
 - ii. Questions, comments, and discussion followed.
- B. City of Austin Budget Process and Engagement (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. Budget changes and updates TBD, pending the March 5th Council review of the Top 10 Indicators.
 - Motion to recommend that Timelines and quality of emergency response be added as a priority indicator.
 - Moved by Vice-Chair Varteressian
 - Seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
 - Motion passed 11-0
 - ii. March is the Community Engagement month and the Commission has the opportunity to hold town hall meetings on the budget. TBD
 - iii. The Commission may call a Special Meeting to discuss the Budget before the May 3rd deadline for input.
 - iv. Discussion and questions followed.
- C. Austin Strategic Mobility Plan Resolution (Peter Varteressian)
- i. The Austin Transportation Department will present at the March meeting.
 - ii. The Commissioners will review and edit the proposed Recommendation on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan for later discussion.
- D. Senior Property Tax Issues (Karen Grampp, Janee Briesemeister)
- i. Update on the Recommendation for the Anti-Displacement Taskforce
 - ii. Discussion and questions followed.
- E. Update on Media Briefing from AARP (Jessica Lemann, Natalia Ciolko) and AustinUP (Teresa Ferguson)
- i. Press event scheduled for March 6, 2019 at City Hall, on the Mayor's Balcony, 9-11am. Press release TBD.
 - ii. Discussion and questions followed.
 - iii. The Commission will post a Community Meeting notice.

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
 - 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 (Patricia Bordie, Erica Garcia Pittman, Tabitha Taylor)
 - Update and discussion followed.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister, Emily De Maria Nicola)
- i. Update, 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. Update, discussion, and questions followed.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. No items.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. MMCAC

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 Nicola seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 11-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.