



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th, 2019**

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Chair, *Janee Briesemeister*, Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian*, *Adam Hauser*, *Erica Garcia-Pittman*, *Fred Lugo*, *Karen Grampp*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Patricia Bordie*, *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *Jacqueline Angel*, *Billy Jackson*, *Emily De Maria Nicola*, *Ronald Sheaffer*.

Staff in Attendance: *Cassandra DeLeon*, *Interim Assistant Director Disease Prevention Health Promotion*, *Austin Public Health* and *Halana Kaleel*, *Public Health Educator II*, *Austin Public Health*

Presenters: *None*

**Chair, *Janee Briesemeister*, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
The Commission introduced themselves.**

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Jean E Crawford, General Communication, Senior Safety Commission is having a Safety Fair on August 20th from 9am-12pm. They are requesting support from the Commission on Seniors.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS JUNE 12TH, 2019 MEETING

- A. The minutes for the regular meeting of June 12, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Natalie Cagle motion, Commissioner Karen Grampp second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Jacqueline Angel, Billy Jackson, Emily De Maria Nicola, Ronald Sheaffer were absent.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Sally Van Sickle announced Capital City Village has Celeb Salon coming up July 21st, the speakers will be from the Austin LGBT Coalition on Aging.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Internal Review
 - i. Commission discussed and reviewed the draft of the Annual Internal Review.
 - 1. Include participation from Commission on Seniors in the Community Health Improvement Plan.

- ii. The Annual Internal Review was approved on Commissioner Adam Hauser motion, Commissioner Karen Grampp second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Jacqueline Angel, Billy Jackson, Emily De Maria Nicola, Ronald Sheaffer were absent.
- B. Commission Priorities and Working Group Assignments 2019-2020, Janee Briesemeister.
 - i. Commissioners discussed gaining guidance from meeting with City Manager to identify priorities Commission on Seniors should develop or continue to work on.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion currently
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - 1. Working Group Meeting for July canceled.
 - 2. Commissioner Fred Lugo invited the Chairs of other committees to come to the next workgroup meeting in August.
 - 3. Dashboard in development.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - 1. Workgroup will meet August 6th at Cap Metro Offices beginning at 2:30pm.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - 1. No updates currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - 1. Ben Buotte from Austin Public Health Emergency Health Preparedness has begun attending and updating the workgroup.
 - 2. More discussions have been occurring around Sustainable Food Projects.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Adopted same Resolution the Commission on Seniors supported regarding Senior Tax Exemption.
 - ii. Committee discussed the Budget Sessions including what went well and recommendations for improvements to future Budget Sessions. For example, earlier planning.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No updates currently.
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No updates currently.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Staff Liaison Halana Kaleel discussed alternative locations for August and Septembers Commission on Senior Meetings due to City Hall being unavailable.

- i. Commissioners recommended Travis County for Augusts meeting and a community space for Septembers meeting.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Recommendation from Commission to have Emergency Preparedness regarding Seniors presentation.
- B. Recommendation for presentation from Maxine P. Vieyra form the Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m. without objection.