



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at Travis County, Executive Board Room, 502 E Highland Mall Blvd, Austin, Texas, 78752.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

**Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian, Billy Jackson, Emily De Maria Nicola. Erica Garcia-Pittman, Fred Lugo, Jacqueline Angel, Karen Grampp, Martin Kareithi, Natalie Cagle, Patricia Bordie, Sally Van Sickle.***

**Board Members not in Attendance: Chair, *Janee Briesemeister, Adam Hauser, 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: *Brie Franco, Elizabeth Stitt and Nathan Fernandes, Fred Lugo, Kim McKnight.***

**Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian*, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.  
The Commission introduced themselves.**

**I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- A. Charles L Curry, General Citizen Communication, Resolution on Property Tax Exemption.
  - i. Resolution will be discussed at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting.
  - ii. Charles Curry will send update to the Commission on Seniors.
  - iii. Encouraged Commissioners to talk about this Resolution to their respective Council Members.
- B. Amy Lee, General Citizen Communication, University of Texas, Dell Medical Project.
  - i. Asked the Commissioners for feedback on a survey coming out about pending project called Granny Nannies.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 MEETING**

- A. The minutes for the regular meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Natalie Cagle motion, Commissioner Karen Grampp second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Janee Briesemeister, Adam Hauser, Ronald Sheaffer were absent.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Patricia Bordie announced CAPCOG Caregiver Conference on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Vice Chair Peter Varteressian attended the City Manager Presentation of the 2020 City Budget. The discussion included funding for homelessness. By large Senior specific projects seem to be in a good place budget wise.
  - i. Support Staff Cassie DeLeon discussed City Manager proposal of Austin Public Health reallocating funds for conducting a study in relation to Resolution 41 in 2020 Budget.

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Presentation Intergenerational Day Center Initiative, Elizabeth Stitt and Nathan Fernandes.
  - i. Discussed research and solutions to developing an Intergenerational Day Center initiative in Austin in response to Resolution 41.
- B. Presentation Dashboard Project, Fred Lugo.
  - i. Commissioner Lugo presented the Dashboard Domain 4-6 Workgroup has developed for the Age Friendly Action Plan.
- C. Presentation Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Update, Brie Franco.
  - i. Provided an update to the Commissioners on the 2019 State Legislative.
- D. Presentation Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan for Land, Facilities and Programs, Kim McKnight
  - i. Provided an update on the Austin Parks and Recreation Long Range Plan.
- E. Commission Priorities and Working Group Assignments 2019-2020, Peter Varteressian.
  - i. No discussion currently.

#### **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
    - No updates currently
  - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
    - No updates currently
  - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
    - No updates currently
  - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
    - No updates currently
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Peter Varteressian)
  - i. No updates currently.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Peter Varteressian)
  - 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. None currently.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A. No discussion currently

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m. without objection.