



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(May 08, 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:

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| <i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i> | <i>Natalie Cagle</i> | <i>Adam Hauser</i> | <i>Sally Van Sickle</i> |
| <i>Jacqueline Angel</i> | <i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i> | <i>Fred Lugo</i> | |
| <i>Patricia Bordie</i> | <i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i> | <i>Ronald Sheaffer</i> | |

Board Members not in Attendance:

Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair *Karen Grampp* *Billy Jackson* *Martin Kareithi*

Staff in Attendance:

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. Teresa Ferguson, AustinUP – Update on Age Friendly Business.

- i. Job Resource Fair 50+, May 10, 2019, 10am-12pm at the Travis County Community Center in Oak Hill.
- ii. Age Friendly Business Focus Group, June 3, 2019, 12pm-1pm at Accelerator, ACC Highland Center.
- iii. Age Friendly Business Networking, June 19, 2019, 4pm – 6pm at Village at The Triangle.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS APRIL 10, 2019 REGULAR MEETING and APRIL 19, 2019 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

- A. Both minutes approved.
 - i. Moved by Commissioner Van Sickle
 - ii. Seconded by Commissioner Angel
 - iii. Minutes approved 10-0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. David Crabb, PARD
 - i. The 2 vans that the Commission secured for the Parks and Recreation Department have been received and have started services.
 - ii. David Crabb is now Acting Division Manager of Community Recreation and Ben Rustenhaven is Acting Manager of Community Programs, Recreation Centers and Senior Services.
- B. Cassandra DeLeon, APH
 - i. A Public Health Educator has been hired to serve as additional backup to Tabitha Taylor.
 - ii. Tabitha Taylor is scheduled to go on maternity leave in September.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. RBJ Resolution 41 Briefing, Alex Abbott, Emma Nye and Gabrielle Mordi.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. Older Americans Month Proclamation, Sally Van Sickle, Tabitha Taylor, and Fred Lugo
 - i. City Council will declare May to be Older Americans Month on May 9, 2019, 5:30pm, City Hall.
 - ii. Tabitha Taylor and Commissioner Bordie will promote the proclamation on KAZI, date TBD.
 - iii. Travis County Commissioner's Court also released a proclamation, sponsored by Commissioners Shae and Gomez.
 - iv. Questions and discussion followed.
- C. Commission Priorities and Working Group Assignments 2019-2020, Janee Briesemeister.
 - i. Annual Internal Review due in July.
 - ii. Working Group reports due in June.
 - iii. Age Friendly Action Plan draft due in June, vote in July.
 - Due to AARP in 2020.
 - iv. Questions and discussion followed.

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
 - General overview for new Commissioner, Sally Van Sickle
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - General overview for new Commissioner, Janee Briesemeister
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - General overview for new Commissioner, Fred Lugo
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - General overview for new Commissioner, Erica Garcia-Pittman and Patricia Bordie

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- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item
 - i. Update on work.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item
 - i. Budget items have been submitted and will be forwarded to the Commissioners.
 - Next step is to meet with the City Assistant Managers.
 - Chair Briesemeister will be absent in August, Vic-Chair Varteressian will attend meetings and public hearings on her behalf.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
- E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion.

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 Garcia-Pittman motioned to adjourn.
- Commissioner Cagle seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 10-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.