



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2019**

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

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, *Janee Briesemeister*, Vice Chair, *Peter Varteressian*, *Adam Hauser*, *Billy Jackson*, *Diana Spain*, *Emily De Maria Nicola*, *Erica Garcia-Pittman*, *Fred Lugo*, *Jacqueline Angel*, *Karen Grampp*, *Patricia Bordie*, *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *Ronald Sheaffer*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*.

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor*, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health and *Halana Kaleel*, Public Health Educator II, Austin Public Health

Presenters: *Lisa Barden*, Keep Austin Fed, *Sonya Alexander-Harry*, City of Austin Human Resources Department.

Chair, *Janee Briesemeister* called the Board Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Teresa Ferguson, AustinUP announced upcoming conference.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2019 MEETING.

- A. The minutes for the regular meeting of September 11th, 2019 were approved on Commissioner Lugo motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Bordie, Sheaffer, Kareithi, Cagle were absent.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioners will have time after the meeting to change their passwords to their City email accounts.
- B. Support Staff Tabitha Taylor has returned from leave.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation, Keep Austin Fed, Lisa Barden.
 - i. Discussed was the impact of food waste on the environment and economy.
 - ii. Highlighted was food insecurity with the Senior population.
 - iii. Keep Austin Fed is not only an opportunity for Seniors to volunteer, but they also provide food to Seniors at many locations such as RBJ Center 2034,

South Austin Neighborhood Center, Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, etc.

- B. Presentation, Human Resources staff briefing on City of Austin Senior Job Fair.
 - i. Senior Community Job Fair was held February 26, 2019.
 - ii. It was the City's first Job Fair specifically focused on Seniors.
 - iii. 45 Employers turned out, 303 Job Seekers attended.
- C. Discussion on Adopting Meeting Schedule for January-December 2020.
 - i. Commissioners discussed continuing to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month besides November 2020 which will take place the 3rd Wednesday of the month due to City Holiday.
 - ii. Recommendation adopting meeting schedule for January-December 2020 was approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Nicola second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Sheaffer, Kareithi, Cagle were absent.

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 discussion currently.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. No discussion currently.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. Commissioners discussed moving up partner meetings and community engagement since the budget process begins earlier than previous years.
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Request from Stephanie Helfman, Austin Public Health to present on Healthy Communities Grant.
 - i. Commissioner recommended a tentative update on the Healthy Communities Grant.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. No discussion currently.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. without objection.