



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*, *Karen Grampp*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Patricia Bordie*.**

**Board Members not in Attendance: *Jacqueline Angel*, *Ronald Sheaffer*, *Sally Van Sickle*.**

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

**Presenters: *Stephanie Helfman*, Austin Public Health and *Ani Colt*, Onederment Project.**

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

**I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

A. None currently.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019 MEETING.**

A. The minutes for the regular meeting of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Hauser second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Angel, Sheaffer, Van Sickle, and Cagle were absent.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Cagle entered the dais.
- B. Commissioner Lugo announced the launch of the Age Friendly Dashboard, encourage Commissioners to share with their respective organization and council members.
  - i. Thanks, was given to City of Austin CTM and PARD on their efforts for this project.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Onederment Project, Ani Colt.
  - i. This is a diverse project with team members ranging from ages of 30-92, and cultural diversity.
  - ii. ONEderment Central is a visionary project for an urban village in Mueller.

- iii. The urban village focuses on affordable housing, community spaces, all ages health care, and work opportunities.
  - iv. The presenters recommended inviting council members to their event January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and consider joining their advisory board.
- B. Discussion on Land Development Code Revision.
- i. This agenda item was moved to after Agenda item 4.C.
  - ii. Chair Briesmeister will attend Public Hearing on the Land Development Code.
  - iii. Commissioners drafted recommendation on the Land Development Code.
  - iv. Commissioners adopted draft recommendation on the Land Development Code was approved on Commissioner Grampp's motion, Commissioner Hauser's second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Angel, Sheaffer, Van Sickle, and Cagle were absent.
- C. Healthy Communities Grant, Austin Public Health, Stephanie Helfman.
- i. This grant covers Geographic Austin and Travis County.
  - ii. Kickoff meeting occurred for the grant in October.
  - iii. Commissioners Van Sickle and Brodie attended the grant kickoff and provided data and partner suggestions.
  - iv. This grant aligns with the Age Friendly Action Plan regarding Community Support and Health Services as well as Social Participation.
  - v. Any questions send to the Grants Program Coordinator, Ashley Bischoff.

## 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. Equity Office hosted a budget process meeting for the Joint Inclusion Committee.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
- i. Tabitha shared dates with the Commission for the budget process.
  - ii. Early April 2020 deadline for budget recommendations.
  - iii. Commission will develop a survey to collect meaningful data on the budget in alignment with Austin Age Friendly goals.
  - iv. On our end we can connect survey results to Strategic Direction 2023.

- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
  - i. No discussion currently.

**VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. Update on November 16<sup>th</sup> GSA Age Friendly Session.
  - i. The event will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am-12:30pm at the Central Library.
  - ii. Commissioners are welcomed and invited to attend.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Suggested agenda items for FY20.
  - i. No discussion currently.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m. without objection.