



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2019**

The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting Meals on Wheels, Board Room 232, 3227 East 5th Street, Austin, Texas, 78702.

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*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *Martin Kareithi*, *Patricia Bordie*, *Ronald Sheaffer*.

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor*, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, 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 12:07 p.m. The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. None currently.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS NOVEMBER 13TH, 2019 MEETING

A. The minutes for the regular meeting of November 13th, 2019 were approved with discussed minor edits on Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian motion, Commissioner Nicola second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners were Kareithi, Bordie, and Sheaffer were absent.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chair Briesmeister announced new District 1 representation on the Commission on Seniors Amy Temperley. She will most likely start in 2020.
- B. Commissioner Angel announced Livability for Longevity Symposium 2020.
 - i. This event will be held Monday, April 20, 2020 at Bass Lecture Hall, LBJ School of Public Affairs.
- C. Staff Liaison Tabitha Taylor announced that the draft of the Age Friendly Austin Logo should be received next week.
- D. Chair Briesmeister has asked Staff Liaisons to follow up on the Tax-Exempt Resolution.

- E. Commissioner Van Sickle announced meeting planned for January 7th from 1-3:00pm which will bring City Departments together on what they are doing for Age Friendly Austin.
 - i. Staff Liaison Tabitha Taylor says meeting will be about not only updates but ensuring there is metrics, data, and accountability.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review Age Friendly Austin Community Engagement Survey.
 - i. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Age Friendly Austin Community Engagement Survey.
 - ii. One revised and finalized the survey will be tested in a group of older adults.
 - iii. Survey will be distributed and presented at various locations and community meetings by Staff Liaison Tabitha Taylor.
 - iv. Chair Briesmeister asked that there be Commissioner representation during survey presentations.
- B. Discuss FY20 Community Engagement Meetings, including format and dates.
 - i. This item was discussed before item IV.A.
 - ii. Recommendation to have meeting with South Austin AARP Chapter January 15th, 2020.
 - iii. Tentatively scheduled Budget Meeting for Tuesday, February 4th, 2020.
 - iv. Possible locations suggested for 2020 Budget Meeting: Gus Garcia, ACC Highland, Jewish Community Center, Carver Museum/Library.
 - v. Tentatively scheduled joint meeting with the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities for February 14th, 2020.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. Item tabled due to time constraints.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - Item tabled due to time constraints.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - Item tabled due to time constraints.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - Item tabled due to time constraints.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - Item tabled due to time constraints.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. Item tabled due to time constraints.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. See item 4.A.
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. Item tabled due to time constraints.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Item tabled due to time constraints.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Suggested agenda items for FY20.
 - i. Item tabled due to time constraints.
- B. Presentation Request from David Crabb, City of Austin Parks and Recreation, February 2020.
 - i. Item tabled due to time constraints.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m. without objection.