



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(October 10, 2018)**

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

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Martin Kareithi Jayant Sheth Sally Van Sickle

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Friedman, Austin Public Health
Elena Smart, Austin Public Health

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. No items.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COMMISSION ON SENIORS
AUGUST 8, 2018 MEETING**

A. The Minutes from the August 2018 Meeting of the Commission on Seniors had been previously approved during the September 2018 Meeting. Approval of the September 2018 Minutes will be on the Agenda for approval at the November meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Resolution 20181018-041 Brief (Jacqueline Angel)

i. On October 18, 2018 Council will vote to approve a resolution to recommend that the City Manager conduct a feasibility study to determine the possibility of opening an adult day care center at the RBJ building, or another City owned facility.

B. Graduate Student Policy Course collaboration between LBJ School and St. David's Foundation (Jacqueline Angel)

i. The coursework will include assisting the Commission on Seniors.

- ii. An update will be provide on March 27, 2019.
- iii. Questions and discussion followed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commission Calendar 2019 (Michelle Friedman)
 - i. The Commission will meet in the City Hall Boards and Commission Room every 2nd Wednesday of the month, March, August, September, and October excluded.
 - ii. The Joint meeting with the Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities is tentatively scheduled for March.
 - iii. August and September locations TBD.
 - iv. October meeting tentatively scheduled for the 16th.
 - v. Motion to approve the 2019 calendar.
 - Moved by Vice-Chair Varteressian
 - Seconded by Commissioner Nicola
 - Motion passed 11-0
- B. Senior Property Tax Exemptions (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Please review the proposal and the UT displacement report before the next workgroup meeting.
 - ii. Email your suggestions to Chair Briesemeister.
- C. Dockless Mobility (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Discussion of the Commission Draft Recommendation 20181010-4C, questions and edits followed.
 - ii. Motion to adopt Recommendation 20181010-4C, as amended.
 - Moved by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
 - Seconded by Vice-Chair Varteressian
 - Motion passed 11-0
- D. Age Friendly Action Plan workplan (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. The new staff position will be housed in the Health Equity and Community Engagement Department’s Planning and Evaluation Unit.
 - ii. The position will be posted, pending job description additions.
 - Please email your input to Commissioner Van Sickle.
- E. PARD Title VII Advisory Committee (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. The Commission on Seniors will not be the advisory commission.
 - ii. The Park Board is considered to be more appropriate and will now be the advisory commission.

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
 - No discussion.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group (Peter Varteressian)

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- The workgroup heard from Kim McKnight and David Crabb on dockless mobility and PARD’s master plan, which is to coincide with the Department’s 100th anniversary.
 - Outreach meetings are scheduled for November and dates in the spring.
 - PARD needs focus group input from a diverse group of seniors, especially those that don’t use PARD facilities.
 - The presentation will be forwarded to Commissioners. Please provide your input to the workgroup.
- iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group (Fred Lugo)
- The Asset Map is moving into the design stage.
 - The group will meet with PARD and CTM.
- iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group (Patricia Bordie)
- The Working Group has been developing a proposal for use of the \$125,000 approved for FY19 for low-income seniors access to mental, physical and dental health services. At the October meeting, guest speakers will include one of Commissioner Angel’s graduate students, and three Austin Public Health Community Workers who will provide input into the design of the proposal.
 - The updated proposal will be forwarded to Commission when a draft has been developed.
 - The December meeting of the Aging Services Council will provide input on what service providers are doing with respect to metrics in Domain 8.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. No discussion.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. No discussion.
- E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
- i. No discussion.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. The Multi Modal Community Advisory Committee (MMCAC) will be invited to present to the Commission, possibly in January.
- i. Please review the circulated material and provide feedback to Chair Briesemeister.
- B. The November meeting will be held in District 6 at the Anderson Mill Limited District Building.
- i. Please notify staff if you will not be able to attend.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Better Business Bureau (November)

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- B. MMCAC (January)
- C. Senior Property Taxes
- D. Tax Swap (AISD)
- E. Anti-Displacement Taskforce
- F. Equity Action Tool Recommendation
- G. Affordable Housing and Home Renovation Coalition
- H. Austin Energy and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development –
Weatherization and Home Repair
- I. Hispanic Quality of Life
- J. Google representative
- K. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Garcia-Pittman motioned to adjourn
- Commissioner Cagle seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 11-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:58pm.