



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(December 12, 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>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Jayant Sheth</i>
			<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>

Board Members not in Attendance:

Patricia Bordie

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
November 14, 2018 AND OCTOBER 10, 2018 REGULAR MEETINGS**

- A. Minutes approved as amended.
- i. Moved by Commissioner Van Sickle
 - ii. Seconded by Commissioner Grampp
 - iii. Minutes approved 13-0

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Cap Metro Service Change in 2019 (Martin Kareithi)
- i. Peak time and express service increases start January 1, 2019.
 - ii. No route changes scheduled.
- B. Council is amending the Boards and Commission ordinance to include anti-harassment language (Janee Briesemeister)
- i. New training is pending and will include cultural competency.
- C. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioner Lugo will present at the Travis Commissioners

Court in January (Janee Briesemeister)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation on the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan, Annick Beaudet, Austin Transportation Department.
 - i. Questions, comments, discussion followed.
 - ii. The next presentation will be at the Commission on Seniors and Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Joint Meeting February 8, 2019, 6-8pm, Austin City Hall.
 - iii. Resolution recommending dismount zones TBD.
- B. Co-working and co-living housing model for seniors (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. Discussion and questions followed.
 - Motion to adopt Resolution.
 - Moved by Commissioner Grampp
 - Seconded by Commissioner Cagle
 - Motion passed as amended 13-0
- C. Commission on Seniors participation relating to the Rebekah Baines Johnson center redevelopment, 2019 Eldercare Summit and LBJ School of Public Affairs course (Jacqueline Angel)
 - i. The Commission on Seniors has been invited to be on the steering committee.
 - A walk-through is scheduled for January 24, 2019.
 - ii. Discussion and questions followed.
- D. Update on Aging and Innovation Summit, Teresa Sansone Ferguson, AustinUP
 - i. Discussion and questions followed.
- E. Age Friendly Austin workplan (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion.

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 (Sally Van Sickle)
 - The group heard from Spencer Cronk and Sara Hensley on the \$125,000 funding, Asset Map progress, and the ACC Senior Employment Program.
 - The group is not meeting in December.
 - The next meeting is January 22, 2019, Meals on Wheels, 8:30am.
 - Discussion followed.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group (Janee Briesemeister, Martin Kareithi, and Peter Varteressian)
 - The workgroup discussed electric scooters, safe riding ordinances, dismount and storage zones, accident responsibility, and app updates for scooter users.
 - The working group will not meet in December.
 - Next meeting is January 8, 2019 at Cap Metro, 2:30pm.
 - The Housing Dept. will discuss the housing bonds.

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- Starting in February 2019, the group will meet the 1st Tuesday at Cap Metro, 2:30pm.
- Discussion and questions on Home Repair followed.
- iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group (Fred Lugo)
 - The group is not meeting in December.
 - Update on current considerations followed.
- iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group (Erica Garcia-Pittman)
 - The group worked on the Gap Analysis on EMS home visits and how to execute the pilot study, including revisions of the proposal.
 - The next meeting is on December 21, 2019, Meals on Wheels, 9am.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesemeister)
 - i. The committee is not meeting in December.
 - ii. The Human Rights Committee has been invited to join and a resolution to Council may be created.
 - iii. There is an Equity Office retreat in January.
 - Please respond to the poll about it.
- 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. The Equity Office has finished another round of updates.
 - Please review the changes.
 - ii. A Commissioner will need to take the place of Chair Briesemeister at the Equity Action Team meeting on Friday.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. No items.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Tax Swap (AISD)
- B. Equity Action Tool Recommendation
- C. Affordable Housing and Home Renovation Coalition
- D. Austin Energy and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development – Weatherization and Home Repair
- E. Hispanic Quality of Life
- F. Google representative
- G. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

ADJOURNMENT

- Vice-Chair Varteressian motioned to adjourn
- Commissioner Van Sickle seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 13-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.