



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2020**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting via Videoconferencing.

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

Board Members not in Attendance: *Chair, Janee Briesemeister and Martin Kareithi.*

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

Presenters: *Colleen Billiot and David Crabb.*

Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian called the Board Meeting to order at 8:03am. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2020 MEETING.

- A. The minutes for the September 21st, 2020 Meeting were approved on a 13-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioner Kareithi were absent.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Austin's Digital Inclusion Strategy, Colleen Billiot, Public Information Specialist Senior
- i. Update was given on the State of Digital Inclusion in Austin including what has been done for older adults and COVID-19 response.
- B. Presentation: PARD Programs for Older Adults, David Crabb, City of Austin Parks and Recreation
- i. Update was given on virtual programming being offered to older adults.

- C. Update: Homeless and Aging Initiative, Commissioner Amy Temperly
 - i. Update given by Commissioner Temperly.
- D. Review and approve meeting schedule FY2021
 - i. The 2021 Commission on Seniors Meeting Schedule was adopted on Commissioner Spain motion, Commissioner Nicola second on a 13-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioner Kareithi were absent.

IV. 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. No discussion currently
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. Commissioner Nicola has not been able to consistently attend these meetings.

V. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. The Age Friendly Corner Update given by Staff Support Tabitha Taylor.
 - i. Including updates on the Senior Taskforce for COVID-19 Response and Age-Friendly Austin.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Commissioner Temperly would like to update the Commission on a website being developed for older adults.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian adjourned the meeting at 9:18am. without objection.