



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**

**The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting via Videoconferencing.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Chair, *Jane Briesemeister*, 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*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Patricia Bordie*, and *Sally Van Sickle*.**

**Board Members not in Attendance: *None***

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

**Presenters: *Eric Bailey*, City of Austin, Public Works Department**

**Chair, *Jane Briesemeister* called the Board Meeting to order at 1:04pm. The Commission introduced themselves.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

*None*

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS DECEMBER 9TH, 2020 MEETING**

- A. The minutes for the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting were approved on Commissioner Hauser motion, Vice-Chair Varteressian second with discussed corrections on a 15-0 vote.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Commissioners Grampp, Jackson, Angel need to reapply to serve on the Commission on Seniors since their council districts have new representation. They can continue to serve up to 60 days after January 28<sup>th</sup> or until the position is filled by the council district.
- B. Request to take part in community engagement for Reimagining Public Safety.
- C. At December 16<sup>th</sup> Community Resilience meeting there was a call for a creation of a community resilience plan, and a call to action on how boards and commissions can collaborate as well as find community members to participate in the process. Ideas for

this can be shared with Commissioners De Maria Nicola, Garcia-Pittman, and Van Sickle.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
  - i. No discussion currently.
- B. Discussion and possible action 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
    - Metrics are being updated and reviewed.
  - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
    - No discussion currently.
- C. Discussion and possible action from Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
  - i. No discussion currently.
- D. Discussion and possible action of City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
  - i. No discussion currently.
- E. Discussion and possible action on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
  - i. No discussion currently.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Update on Proposition B and Bond Funded Sidewalk Improvements, Eric Bailey, City of Austin, Public Works Department.
  - i. Eric Bailey provided an update to the Commissioners on Prop B and sidewalk improvements.
  - ii. Project delivery will take place between 2022-2027.
- B. Seating in Parks, Greenbelts, Trails and other Open Spaces Resolution Discussion and Approval
  - i. Commissioners reviewed resolution drafted by the Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group.
  - ii. The Seating in Parks, Greenbelts, Trails, and other Open Spaces Resolution was adopted with discussed changes on Vice-Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Grampp's second on a 15-0 vote.
- C. Planning and Discussion of 2021 Commission on Senior Budget Recommendations and Community Engagement.
  - i. Budget Recommendations are due April 9<sup>th</sup>.

- ii. 3 online joint forums with other commissions will occur in February and are hosted by the Equity Office.
- iii. The online forums prioritize safety, health, and economic opportunity topics.
- iv. Dates identified are during the evening February 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.
- v. Updates to the Commission on Seniors Annual Survey have been made including adding topics of COVID-19 and digital literacy.
- vi. The 2021 Commission on Seniors Budget Survey was adopted with discussed changes on Commissioner Grampp's motion, Commissioner Temperly second on a 15-0 vote.

## **V. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- A. Age-friendly Austin Update, Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Program Coordinator
  - i. Tabitha Taylor provided an update on the COVID-19 Vaccine Coalition, access to technology, and Age Friendly Austin.
  - ii. Austin Public Health will be hosting Vaccine Town Halls. Commissioners were encouraged to attend or share the event with their networks.

## **VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Presentation from Capital Metro.
- B. Social Inclusion Taskforce is drafting a letter for commission with recommendations.
- C. Resolution from Intergovernmental Office.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 3:02pm without objection.