



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH, 2021**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting via Videoconferencing.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Janee Briesemeister, Vice Chair, Peter Varteressian, Adam Hauser, Amy Temperley, Diana Spain, Emily De Maria Nicola, Erica Garcia-Pittman, Fred Lugo, Jacqueline Angel, Martin Kareithi, Patricia Bordie, and Sally Van Sickle.

Board Members not in Attendance: Natalie Cagle and Luz Lopez-Guerrero

Staff in Attendance: Tabitha Taylor and Halana Kaleel, Austin Public Health

Presenters: Suzanne Anderson, Age of Central Texas, Sam Woollard, Nichols and Associates (WNA), and Katie Ropes Berry (WNA)

Chair, Janee Briesemeister called the Board Meeting to order at 1:01pm. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Richard Bondi, LGBTQIA2+ Elder Task Force, discussed the LGBTQI+ Vaccination Event that will be occurring in the community July 27th. Flyer was shared.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS JUNE 9TH, 2021 MEETING

- A. The minutes for the June 9th, 2021 meeting were approved on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 12-0 vote. Commissioners Cagle and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Upcoming training required for some Commissioners to remain serving on the Commission.
- B. First in person meeting since March 2020 will occur in September 2021.
- C. The Equity Office is launching some mini grants.
- D. The City Manager released the FY22 Budget last week.

3. 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
 - No discussion currently.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group

- No discussion currently.
- v. Emergency Preparedness and Response Working Group
 - No discussion currently.
- C. Discussion and possible action from Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Chair Briesemeister)
 - i. City Managers Budget FY21 was discussed and reviewed.
- D. Discussion and possible action of City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Chair Briesemeister)
 - i. No discussion currently.
- E. Discussion and possible action on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Commissioner De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Age of Central Texas, Adult Day Center (ADC) Feasibility Study, Suzanne Anderson, AGE of Central Texas, Sam Woollard, Woollard Nichols and Associates (WNA), and Katie Ropes Berry, WNA
 - i. Commissioner Van Sickle left the dais.
 - ii. Key findings, recommendations, estimated costs for the feasibility study on the ADC were discussed.
- B. Discussion and possible action on the Commission on Seniors Annual Internal Review and Report
 - i. The Commission on Seniors FY21 Annual Internal Review was approved with discussed edits and changes on Vice Chair Varteressian motion, Commissioner Bordie second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioners Cagle, Lopez-Guerrero, and Van Sickle were absent.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Recommendations to City Council on Emergency Preparedness and Response (Commissioner Van Sickle)
 - i. Commissioner Van Sickle entered the dais.
 - ii. Commissioners discussed inclusive planning efforts, and resource allocation.
 - iii. Discussions with Travis and Williamson County were recommended to reduce gaps in services.
 - iv. Recommendations to City Council on Emergency Preparedness and Response were reviewed and approved on Commissioner Van Sickle motion, Commissioner Garcia-Pittman second on a 12-0 vote. Commissions Cagle and Lopez-Guerrero were absent.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Age- Age-friendly Austin Update, Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Program Coordinator
 - i. Taylor presented on Age Friendly updates and COVID-19 response.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. None

7. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Chair Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:58pm.