



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2022**

The Commission on Seniors convened a Regular Meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78702 and remotely.

Board Members in Attendance: Vice Chair Amy Temperley, Emily De Maria Nicola, Fred Lugo, Jacqueline Angel (entered the dais at 12:17pm, left the dais at 1:07pm), Martha Bauman, Martin Kareithi (left dais at 12:40pm) , Peter Varteressian, Richard Bondi, and Sally Van Sickle

Board Members not in Attendance: Chair, Janee Briesemeister, Erica Garcia-Pittman, Henry Van De Putte, Luz Lopez-Guerrero, Natalie Cagle, and Patricia Bordie.

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

Presenters: Katie Wettick, John Eastman, and Tara Connolly.

Vice-Chair, Amy Temperley called the Board Meeting to order at 12:08 pm. The Commission introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: General

- A. Jeremy Garza, spoke on the upcoming Quality of Life Studies occurring at the City of Austin.
- B. Carlos A Soto gave an overview of Community Advancement Network (CAN).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2022, Regular Commission on Seniors Meeting.
 - a. The minutes from the August 10th, 2022, Regular Commission on Seniors Meeting were approved with minor edits on Commissioner Varteressian motion, Commissioner Van Sickle second on an 8-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioners Angel, Garcia-Pittman, Van De Putte, Lopez-Guerrero, Cagle, and Bordie were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. Staff briefing regarding Age-Friendly Austin Update, Tabitha Taylor, Age-Friendly Program Coordinator.
 - a. Briefing was not completed due to loss of quorum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation: Presentation: ATX Walk Bike Roll (ATXWBR) Project Update, Katie Wettick and John Eastman, City of Austin Public Works.
 - a. City of Austin Public Works presented on ATXWBR Project.
 - b. Provided project overview, what they learned, urban trails and bikeways review, sidewalks and shared streets review, and next steps to the commissioners.

- c. Additional feedback can be offered at AustinTexas.gov/ATXWBR.
- 4. Presentation: Senior Homestead Exemption Outreach Overview, Tabitha Taylor, Austin Public Health and Tara Connolly, City of Austin Housing and Planning.
 - a. Presentation was not completed due to loss of quorum.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- 5. Strategic Discussion and Planning: Commission on Seniors Quality of Life Study.
 - a. Working group will be established at this meeting.
 - b. There is 1.5 million dollars for the Commission on Seniors and 4 other City of Austin Commissions to be used this year for the Quality-of-Life Studies. This funding will most likely be split evenly between the 5 commissions.
 - c. Commission on Seniors could have a potential retreat to begin conversations and plans about the Commission on Seniors Quality of Life Study.
- 6. Discussion and action to approve amendments to the Commission on Seniors bylaws to change name of the Commission on Seniors to the Commission on Aging, update the language “seniors” to “aging,” and amend goals of the Commission on Seniors.
 - a. Amendments to the Commission on Seniors bylaws to change the name of the Commission on Seniors to the Commission on Aging, update the language “seniors” to “aging”, and amend goals of the Commission on Seniors was approved on Commissioner Van Sickle motion, Commissioner Lugo’s second on a 9-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioners Garcia-Pittman, Van De Putte, Lopez-Guerrero, Cagle, and Bordie were absent.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 7. Update from Commission Work Plan
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 8. Update from the Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 9. Update from the Transportation, Housing, and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 10. Update from the Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 11. Update from the Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 12. Update from the Joint Inclusion Committee
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 13. Update from the Ordinance and Bylaws Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.
- 14. Update from the Budget Working Group
 - a. No discussion currently.

WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15. Discussion and action to form the Commission on Seniors Quality of Life Study Working Group (Vice-Chair Temperley, Commissioner Bordie, and Commissioner Bondi).

- a. Commission on Seniors Quality of Life Study Working Group was approved on Commissioner De Maria Nicola's motion, Angel second on a 9-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioners Garcia-Pittman, Van De Putte, Lopez-Guerrero, Cagle, and Bordie were absent.
16. Discussion and action to replace Commissioner Van Sickle as Joint Inclusion Committee Alternate to Commissioner Bondi.
 - a. Commissioner Bondi was approved to be the Joint Inclusion Committee Alternate replacing Commissioner Van Sickle on a 9-0 vote. Chair Briesemeister and Commissioners Garcia-Pittman, Van De Putte, Lopez-Guerrero, Cagle, and Bordie were absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

17. None discussed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Vice-Chair Temperley adjourned the meeting at 1:07 pm due to loss of quorum.

The minutes were approved at the October 12th, 2022 meeting on Vice-Chair Temperley's motion, Commissioner Bondi's second on 10-0 vote. Commissioners Cagle, Kareithi, Van Sickle, Van De Putte, and Varteressian were absent.