



***Commission on Aging  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023***

**The Commission on Aging convened in a regular meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Austin, Texas, 78702 and remotely.**

**Chair Temperley, called the Commission on Aging Meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Amy Temperley, Vice-Chair Richard Bondi, Jacqueline Angel, Patricia Bordie, Emily De Maria Nicola, Gretchen Flatau, Martin Kareithi, Fred Lugo (left dais at 12:45pm), Teresa Sansone Ferguson, Walter Tyree, and Henry Van De Putte.**

**Board Members/Commissioners not in Attendance: Austin Adams**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- Public communication by Vickie Valdez regarding the air-conditioning not functioning properly at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center since February 2023. Mrs. Valdez expressed concerns due to rising temperatures and feels the issue would have been corrected sooner if the building was in a different location.
- Public communication by Justin Schneider regarding the plan for community engagement for the proposed Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center (IRAC) at the Nash Hernandez Building. This included discussion of the partnership between Austin Public Health (APH) and Parks and Recreation (PARC), the community survey distribution and consideration of other proposed locations for an IRAC. Mr. Schneider also indicated there would be a community engagement meeting approximately 6 weeks from this date.
- Public communication by Lori Renteria stating that after a February meeting with Assistant Manager Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Mrs. Renteria was under the impression that APH would take the lead on the IRAC project. She requested that the IRAC Advisory Committee be included in all communications going forward. She also expressed that the IRAC Advisory Committee was carrying out their own community engagement at Senior Activity Centers and going door to door to talk to community members.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging regular meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - a. The minutes from the meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, were approved by Commissioner Van De Putte motion, Commissioner Angel second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Adams was absent.

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

2. Staff briefing regarding Age-Friendly Austin Update, Kodjo Dodo, Manager and Nicole Howe, Age-Friendly Austin (AFA) Program Coordinator, Planning and Evaluation Unit, Austin Public Health. No updates to Age-Friendly Austin staffing to be reported.
  - a. One new member of the Commission on Aging was introduced: Commissioner Sansone Ferguson. Commissioner Ferguson represents District 5.
  - b. Older American's Month event was discussed and almost 200 participants were reported.
  - c. Age-Friendly Austin Workgroups will begin to work on updating metrics and strategies of the Age Friendly Austin Plan.
  - d. Commissioner Bauman and Lopez-Guerrero have vacated their seats on the Commission on Aging.
  - e. Commissioners were given opportunity to review the survey results from the May 2023 Older American's Month event.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

3. Present Commission on Aging FY23 Community Service Awards to Nancy Walker and Joyce Hefner.
  - a. The Commission on Aging FY23 Community Service Awards were presented to Nancy Walker and Joyce Hefner.
4. Presentation: Recap on the Adult Day Center with Intergenerational Programming Feasibility Study, Sam Woollard, Woollard, Nichols, Torres Consulting.
  - a. Presentation recapped the 2021 Adult Day Center Feasibility Study.
  - b. This included a recap on goals, methodology, demographics, community assets, identified zip codes with low senior services, the older adult survey and focus groups, key findings, and recommendations.
5. Presentation: Recap on the Feasibility Study: Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center Pilot Program at the Nash Hernandez Building, Alyssa Tharrett, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Austin.
  - a. Presentation recapped the 2022 Feasibility Study on the Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center Pilot Program at the Nash Hernandez Building.
  - b. The presentation included a recap on the history of the Nash Hernandez Building, objectives of the study, the existing condition of the building, program and design

- needs, conceptual floor plans, cost/timeframe, additional considerations, alternative locations, and next steps.
- c. Commissioners asked about current timeline from PARD, and they were told PARD and APH will be reporting back to City Council in late June 2023.

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

6. Discussion and possible action on electing Commission on Aging Joint Inclusion Committee Representation and Backup Representation.
  - a. Discussion on the Joint Inclusion Committee Commission representative moving from Commissioner Temperley to Commissioner Bondi and Commissioner Ferguson will be the alternate for the JIC.
  - b. Motioned by Commissioner Van De Putte and second by Commissioner Tyree on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Adams was absent.
7. Discussion and possible action on the Commission on Aging 2023 Officer Elections.
  - a. Motioned by Commissioner Bondi and second by Commissioner Van De Putte that Commissioner Temperley will be the Chair of the Commission on Aging.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Department of Safety and Racial Profiling in Austin, Texas.
  - a. Commissioners discussed the recent increase in rate of traffic stops and arrests made by Texas DPS officers in Austin. 87% affected are minorities and there is suspected racial profiling within the community.
  - b. Vice Chair Bondi suggests keeping track of this trend and potentially creating a resolution to City Council.
  - c. No action was taken at this time.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the creation of a working group to consider a recommendation from the Commission related to establishing an Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center at Nash Hernandez.
  - a. Recommendation was made to form a working group to discuss the proposed IRAC.
  - b. A working group was approved on Commissioner Van De Putte motion. Commissioner Angel second the motion on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Adams was absent.
  - c. Commissioners Tyree, Bondi, Angel, Van De Putte, and Flatau agreed to be on this working group.
10. Discussion and possible action to form working group for redesigning the annual Commission on Aging Budget Community Engagement Study.
  - a. Recommendation was made to form a working group to revise the annual community engagement survey. Commissioner Bondi recommends a more thoughtful approach, different topics, and different phrasing to yield better findings.
  - b. A working group was approved on Commissioner Bondi motion. Commissioner Van De Putte second the motion on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Adams was absent.

- c. Commissioners Lugo, Bordie, and Sansone Ferguson agreed to be on this working group.
- 11. Discussion and possible action to recommend a social media account for the Commission on Aging.
  - a. Discussion on creating a social media account for the Commission on Aging to expand reach to older adults. This would most likely be a Facebook account but would be based on City approval. APH staff will reach out to the Public Information Officer to inquire.
  - b. No action was taken at this time.

### **WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 12. Discussion and possible action on names for the Mighty Good Time Tool on the Age Friendly Website presented by the Age Friendly Austin Domains 4-6 Working Group.
  - a. Updates from the Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment working group member Commissioner Richard Bondi on potential names for the “Mighty Good Time” name on the AFA website. Most popular choice so far is “Active Aging Austin”.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Request for City of Austin PIO office to present on media strategies for older adults.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Amy Temperley adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m. without objection.

**The minutes were approved at the June 14<sup>h</sup>, 2023, meeting on Commissioner Lugo motion, Commissioner Sansone Ferguson second on a 10-0 vote.**