



Commission on Aging
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 14th, 2023 at 12 pm

The Commission on Aging convened in a REGULAR Meeting on Wednesday, June 14th, 2023, at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas, 78702, and remotely.

Chair Temperley called the Commission on Aging Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance: Chair Amy Temperley, Vice-Chair Richard Bondi, Austin Adams, Jacqueline Angel, Patricia Bordie, Emily De Maria Nicola, Gretchen Flatau, Teresa Sansone Ferguson, Fred Lugo, Walter Preston Tyree, and Henry Van De Putte.

Board Members/Commissioners not in Attendance: Martin Kareithi

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No Public Communication at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the May 10th, 2023 Regular Commission on Aging Meeting.
 - The minutes from the meeting of May 10th, 2023, were approved on Commissioner Lugo motion, Commissioner Sansone Ferguson second on a 11-0 vote. Commissioner Kareithi 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.
 - A brief update was provided on Age-Friendly Austin planning and Age-Friendly Austin staffing.
3. Announcements
 - An update was provided by Chair Amy Temperley that the Parks and Recreation Department was pending a part needed to repair the air-conditioning at Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation and Discussion of the Gus Garcia Recreation Center.
 - A presentation was provided by Martha Langford, Neomi Delgado, and Tameka Bateman.
 - This presentation included: growing numbers of older adults in the Gus Garcia area utilizing the facility, need for separate space for older adult programming and storage of materials, and explanation of challenges with sharing space with youth.
 - Parks and Recreation Community Engagement Consultant Justin Schneider spoke on how park spaces are identified for various activities in the City of Austin.
5. Presentation and Discussion on the Quality of Life Study.
 - An update was provided by Jeremy Garza, City of Austin, Equity Office.
 - A procurement liaison has been assigned (Susan Arbuckle) who will soon provide a timeline for when a consultant will be chosen through the RFP process.
6. Update on the 2023 AARP Community Challenge Grant.
 - Nicole Howe, AFA Program Coordinator, shared that financial paperwork has been submitted to AARP and we are waiting on the MOU which should come anytime. Chair Temperley has received project supplies for the project as well.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and possible action on The Department of Public Safety and Racial Profiling in Austin, Texas.
 - Commissioner Bondi discussed the possibility of creating a Working Group to address the Racial Profiling issue in Austin, and the drafting of a letter to circulate amongst other Commissions and stakeholders to strategize about next steps.
 - Chair Temperley suggested collaboration with the Joint Inclusion Committee and possible support of another group rather taking a lead role with the Commission on Aging.
 - Item tabled. Commissioner Bondi will investigate further.
8. Discussion and possible action to reform the Age-Friendly Austin Plan Implementation Working Group.
 - Commissioner Flatau recommended reconvening the Working Group after the individual Working Groups have a chance to review their own Domains.
 - Commissioner Bondi recommended a meeting with the Working Group Chairs to ensure metrics are similar.
 - Discussion amongst Commissioners regarding objectives of revision of Age-Friendly Austin plan and goals for measurable metrics.

- The Age-Friendly Austin Plan Implementation Working Group was voted to be reestablished by Commissioner Bondi motion, second by Commissioner Sansone-Ferguson on a 11-0 vote.
9. Discussion and possible action to expand the scope of work of the Intergenerational Resource and Activity Center Working Group.
 - Discussion and decision to move forward with Working Group as previously designated to maintain impartiality and historical accuracy of feasibility studies. No vote taken. Item tabled.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10. Inviting St. David's Foundation to share the Executive Summary around Texas End of Life Studies.
11. Report from Capital Metro regarding the removal of protective shelters from benches and the replacement of benches with chairs, and what the plan looks like going forward in serving our growing older adult population.
12. Potential report from the Homeless Shelter Division to update on the new shelters and the revamping of Salvation Army Shelter, and how they plan to address the needs of older adults and those with Disabilities in these locations.

Chair Temperley adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved at the August 9th, 2023 meeting on Commissioner Lugo's motion, Commissioner Flatau second on a 9-0 vote. Commissioners Adams, Sansome Ferguson, and Van de Puttee were absent