



**COMMISSION ON SENIORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR
(April 10, 2019)**

The Commission on Seniors convened a regular meeting at Austin City Hall, Boards and Commissions Room, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701

Board Members in Attendance:

<i>Janee Briesemeister, Chair</i>	<i>Natalie Cagle</i>	<i>Billy Jackson</i>	<i>Sally Van Sickle</i>
<i>Peter Varteressian, Vice-Chair</i>	<i>Erica Garcia-Pittman</i>	<i>Martin Kareithi</i>	
<i>Jacqueline Angel</i>	<i>Karen Grampp</i>	<i>Fred Lugo</i>	
<i>Patricia Bordie</i>	<i>Adam Hauser</i>	<i>Emily De Maria Nicola</i>	

Board Members not in Attendance:

Ronald Sheaffer

Staff in Attendance:

Elena Smart, Austin Public Health

Chair, Janee Briesemeister, called the Board Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

The Commission introduced themselves.

I. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. John K. McMillan – Senior Appreciation Day.
- B. Joan Reames – House Bill 3347, Exemptions from Drainage Bill Surcharges.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS MARCH 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

- A. Regular Meeting minutes approved, Joint Meeting minutes approved as amended.
 - i. Moved by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
 - ii. Seconded by Vice-Chair Varteressian
 - iii. Minutes approved 13-0

III. ANNOUCEMENTS

- i. No items.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Budget Presentation, Vanorda Richardson, Financial Services Division Manager, and Allan Ramona, Financial Analyst, Parks and Recreation Department.

- i. Questions and discussion followed.
- B. 2019 Officer Vote, Janee Briesemeister
 - i. Motion to allow Janee Briesemeister to continue as Chair
 - Moved by Vice-Chair Varteressian
 - Seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Pittman
 - Motion approved 13-0
 - ii. Motion to allow Peter Varteressian to continue as Vice-Chair
 - Moved by Chair Briesemeister
 - Seconded by Commissioners Grampp and Van Sickle
 - Motion approved 13-0
- C. 2020 Budget, Janee Briesemeister.
 - i. Questions and discussion followed.
 - ii. Motion to allow the Budget Working Group (AFA Working Group) to draft and submit the Commission on Seniors 2020 budget recommendations
 - Moved by Commissioner Hauser
 - Seconded by Commissioner Angel
 - Motion approved 13-0
 - iii. Motion to amend the above motion: To provide Commissioner Sally Van Sickle with posting credentials
 - Moved by Commissioner Hauser
 - Seconded by Commissioner Nicola
 - Motion approved 13-0

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item.
 - i. No discussion.
- B. Updates from Working Groups – Standing Item
 - i. Age Friendly Action Plan Implementation Working Group
 - Community Budget Forum update, Janee Briesemeister.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
 - ii. Transportation, Housing and Outdoor Spaces Working Group
 - Exemptions, Peter Varteressian.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
 - iii. Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment Working Group
 - No discussion.
 - iv. Community Support and Health Services Working Group
 - Lyft 211 Pilot, Erica Garcia-Pittman.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
 - RBJ feasibility study update, Jacqueline Angel and Tabitha Taylor.
 - Questions and discussion followed.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item
 - i. Motion to approve the Joint Inclusion Committee Resolution
 - Moved by Commissioner Kareithi
 - Seconded by Commissioner Grampp
 - Motion approved 13-0
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item

i. No discussion.

E. Update on Equity Action Team – Standing Item

i. No discussion.

VI. STAFF BRIEFINGS

A. No items.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. MMCAC

B. Tax Swap (AISD)

C. Anti-Displacement Taskforce

D. Equity Action Tool Recommendation

E. Affordable Housing and Home Renovation Coalition

F. Austin Energy and Neighborhood Housing and Community Development –
Weatherization and Home Repair

G. Hispanic Quality of Life

H. Google representative

I. Housing and resources for senior musicians and artists.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Garcia-Pittman motioned to adjourn.
- Commissioner Cagle seconded the motion.
- Motion passed 12-0, Commissioner Angel off the dais.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:07pm.