



**COMMISSION ON SENIOR
MEETING MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2020**

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*, *Billy Jackson*, *Diana Spain*, *Erica Garcia-Pittman*, *Fred Lugo*, *Jacqueline Angel*, *Karen Grampp*, *Martin Kareithi*, *Natalie Cagle*, *Patricia Bordie*, and *Sally Van Sickle*.

Board Members not in Attendance: *Emily De Maria Nicola*

Staff in Attendance: *Tabitha Taylor*, Age Friendly Plan Program Coordinator, Austin Public Health and *Halana Kaleel*, Public Health Educator II, Austin Public Health

Presenters:

Chair, *Janee Briesemeister* called the Board Meeting to order at 1:02pm. The Commission introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS JULY 8TH, 2020 MEETING.

- A. The minutes for the July 8th, 2020 Meeting were approved on Commissioner Grampp motion, Commissioner Cagle second on a 14-0 vote. Commissioner De Maria Nicola was absent.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Commissioner Pittman-Garcia introduced guest Dr. Li who is studying Geriatric Psychiatry.
- B. Commissioner Lugo discussed strategies sent out for caregiver support. This information was shared with the Chair, additional information will be sent out to the rest of the Commission after the meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: Community Climate Plan 2020 Revision, Celine Rendon, Community Engagement Specialist, Office of Sustainability, City of Austin.
 - i. Presentation was given by Celine Rendon and Zach Baumer.

- ii. The Community Climate Plan will be released for public comment soon and invited the Commissioners to provide feedback.
- B. Resolution on transparency of reporting COVID-19 cases at nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
 - i. Commissioners reviewed and discussed the draft resolution.
 - ii. Edits were made regarding typos and grammar.
 - iii. The Resolution on transparency of reporting COVID-19 cases at nursing homes and long-term care facilities was adopted, Commissioner Temperley motion, Vice Chair Varteressian motion on a 14-0 vote. Commissioner De Maria Nicola was absent.
- C. Update on the Re-imagining Public Safety Task Force, Janee Briesmeister.
 - i. Chair Briesmeister asked the Commissioners if they would like to be part of the discussions of the Re-Imagining Public Safety Taskforce.
 - ii. Commissioners Temperley and Spain are interested in representing the Commission on Seniors and being part of these conversations.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Commission Work Plan – Standing Item
 - i. No discussion currently.
- B. Updates 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.
- C. Update on Joint Inclusion Committee – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. Chair Briesmeister is no longer the Chair of Joint Inclusion Committee.
- D. City of Austin Budget – Standing Item (Janee Briesmeister)
 - i. No discussion currently
- E. Update on the Equity Action Team – Standing Item (Emily De Maria Nicola)
 - i. No discussion currently.

V. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- A. Update from Tabitha Taylor, including We Care Program, COVID-19 Response and Senior Homestead Tax Exemption.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Chair, Janee Briesemeister adjourned the meeting at 2:30p.m. without objection.