

**Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – November 12, 2018**

Pine Hills Community Center, 6408 Jennings Road, Orlando FL 32818 * 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Vision	Create Positive Aging! An elder-friendly community that empowers older adults through choices that allow them to support and maintain their independence within their home community
Purpose	To identify the needs of the senior population and find ways to help by working collaboratively

Members Present

Mr. Gus Martinez, Vice Chairman
Ms. Sandria Foster
Ms. Edith Gendron
Ms. Kinda Haddah
Dr. Barbara Keene
Dr. Carmel Munroe

Members Absent

Mr. Randy Hunt
Ms. Margaret Mularz
Ms. Randiesa Spires
Mr. Ken Terrell

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Office on Aging
Ms. Pauma Martinez

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Martinez welcomed everyone and asked new board member Dr. Keene to introduce herself. Dr. Keene works at Everyone's Counseling Center and focuses on family counseling, with a specialty in multigenerational families. Ms. Keene stated she had been actively involved in the Interfaith Symposium on Aging that had hosted a large community event for several years. The Board discussed the importance of faith outreach as it relates to older adults and the need for an interfaith symposium to be reestablished. The Board asked staff to add this topic to the agenda for January.

Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

- Mr. Martinez asked for nominations for chairman of the Commission on Aging. Dr. Munroe nominated Mr. Martinez for the chairman position, Ms. Haddah seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Martinez asked for nominations for vice-chair. Mr. Martinez nominated Ms. Gendron for the vice-chairman position, Ms. Haddah seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Mr. Martinez asked for any comments on the consent agenda minutes. No comments or corrections were made. Upon a motion by Ms. Gendron, seconded by Ms. Haddad, the following actions were taken:
 - Approval of the Commission on Aging meeting minutes for January 8, 2018, March 12, 2018, May 14, 2018 and September 11, 2018.
 - Acceptance of the Community Partnerships Committee meeting minutes of January 5, 2018, March 2, 2018, May 4, 2018, June 29, 2018 and September 7, 2018.

Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Gendron summarized the November 2nd meeting of the Community Partnerships Committee. Tiffany Johnson and Maria Numpe from Lynx gave a presentation on paratransit and Lynx. The Access Lynx program has two eligibility programs: Americans with Disability Act and Transportation Disadvantaged. The Committee also selected the presentation topics for their 2019 meetings.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt was absent. Ms. Gendron commented that waitlists for state subsidized services continues to grow.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging

- Mr. Terrell was absent.

Commission on Aging Status Update

- Mr. Martinez provided an overview of the 2019 calendar, which lists the major projects and partnership that have already been scheduled. Mr. Martinez asked how the Board could assist with these activities. After discussion, the Board requested that this topic be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- Ms. Reggentin stated an update of the *Community Resources for Elders* document is underway. This document lists the larger nonprofit and government agencies that serve elders. It does not include the smaller nonprofits or for-profit organizations that serve elders. Ms. Reggentin asked the Board to review this document and provide her with any suggested additions, deletions or edits within the next two weeks. The Board discussed whether the contact information for the smaller nonprofits should be added to the document. The Board agreed to send staff the contact information for any nonprofit organizations that serve elders within the next two weeks.

New Business / Open Discussion

- Meeting date and time
 - The Board discussed changing the date, time and location for the 2019 Board meetings. Ms. Reggentin stated the second Thursday of every other month at 9 a.m. had been proposed at the September meeting. Discussion ensued. Upon a motion by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the 2019 schedule was approved as the second Wednesday of every other month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The Board directed

staff to find a convenient location for this meeting and suggested either the Holden Heights Community Center or the Marks Street Senior Recreation Complex. The Board directed staff to contact Board members who were absent from this meeting and update them on the 2019 schedule.

- The Board discussed the lack of attendance in 2018. Staff was directed to ask Board members for written reports if they are going to be absent from future meetings and are scheduled to give updates.
- Mr. Martinez stated the County will be swearing in a new Mayor and three new Commissioners. He asked whether the Commission on Aging would like to contact the new Board of County Commissioners and request additional staff for the Office on Aging. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that Mr. Martinez should move forward with requesting additional staff for the Commission on Aging and stated this request should concisely state the role for the new staff. The Board discussed inviting County Commissioners to attend future meetings.
- The Board discussed the intent of the Commission on Aging as an advisory board and expressed the need for advocating on behalf of elders. Ms. Reggentin stated she will bring the enabling resolution to the next meeting.

Public Comments

- Mr. Martinez stated the Thanksgiving Day festival offered by Miles of Help Through Christ is scheduled for November 17 at the Lake Eola Amphitheater. There are over 200 volunteers participating in this event. Mr. Martinez stated he welcomes community volunteers for both Miles of Help Through Christ and Changing Room, a nonprofit that helps individuals in need with food, clothing and more.
- The meeting ended at 9:30 a.m.

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