

**Orange County Commission on Aging
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – July 10, 2019**

Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20th Street, Orlando FL 32805 * 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, Chairman
Ms. Edith Gendron, Vice Chairman
Ms. Chandra Ewell
Dr. Sandria Foster
Dr. Carmel Munroe
Mr. Willie Patterson

Members Absent

Ms. Kinda Haddah
Mr. Randy Hunt
Dr. Barbara Keene
Ms. Jayna Sutherland
Mr. Ken Terrell

Others Present

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Orange County Office on Aging

Meeting Notes

- Mr. Martinez opened the meeting and noted a quorum was not present. The Board discussed issues affecting older adults including transportation, housing and homelessness.
- Dr. Munroe arrived at 9 a.m., making a quorum.

Consent Agenda

- Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Foster, the Commission on Aging minutes from May 8, 2019 were unanimously approved.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Munroe, the Community Partnerships Committee minutes from May 3, 2019 were unanimously accepted.

Community Partnerships Committee Update

- Ms. Gendron stated Fran Carlin Rogers, a transportation consultant, provided an overview on senior transportation issues. Topics discussed included driver safety, crash data, alternative transportation resources and online transportation resources.
- Ms. Gendron stated that, at the Community Partnerships meeting, it was announced the incoming executive director for the Senior Resource Alliance will be Karla Radka and she will begin on July 15.
- Ms. Gendron stated the Senior Resource Alliance is hosting a public meeting to allow the public to provide input on the Area Plan on Aging 2020. The hearing is scheduled for August 8 from 10 to noon at the Senior Resource Alliance, 988 Woodcock Rd., Suite 200, Orlando.

Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Mr. Hunt was absent.

City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Aging

- Mr. Terrell was absent.

Commission on Aging Update

- Mr. Martinez expressed concern about the lack of attendance and directed staff to share his concern with staff of the Membership and Mission Review Board. Ms. Gendron commented it is important to ask why Board members have been absent, adding that it is important to express care and concern for individuals serving on the Board.
- Mr. Martinez reviewed the six-month report of the Commission on Aging, noting the increase in programming with Orange TV. Mr. Martinez stated he was very supportive of the interfaith on aging efforts. The Board discussed social media options for the Commission on Aging's e-newsletter. Mr. Martinez encouraged the board to post links to this e-newsletter on their social media platforms. Ms. Reggentin stated she would ask if this e-newsletter could be posted on the County's Facebook page.
- Mr. Martinez questioned the Board about whether the Commission on Aging e-newsletter should be renamed. The Board expressed support for a new name, suggesting the name should be short – up to three words. No final decisions were made.
- Mr. Martinez stated the agenda packet for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Symposium that was held in June was in today's packet. This was the first year that continuing legal credits were offered.

New Business

- Mr. Martinez stated that his term will be ending on June 2020 and he would like to begin discussing the transition to a new Board chair. Mr. Patterson recommended Ms. Ewell as a potential Board chair. The Board asked Ms. Ewell to provide an overview about herself. Ms. Reggentin will add this item to the discussion agenda for the September meeting.
- Mr. Martinez stated this is the 10th year that Miles of Help Through Christ will host a Thanksgiving meal for the homeless. He is currently recruiting monetary and in-kind support for this event.

Public Comments

- No public comments were made.

Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Keene, the Board moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

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