

**Orange County Commission on Aging  
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – November 13, 2019**

Holden Heights Community Center, 1201 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Orlando FL 32805 \* 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

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Vision	<b>Create Positive Aging!</b> 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

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**Members Present**

Mr. Gus Martinez, Chairman  
Ms. Edith Gendron, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Chandra Ewell  
Dr. Barbara Keene  
Mr. Willie Patterson  
Mr. Ken Terrell

**Members Absent**

Dr. Sandria Foster  
Ms. Karla Radka  
Ms. Jayna Sutherland

**Others Present**

Ms. Mimi Reggentin, Orange County Office on Aging  
Ms. Lavon Williams, Community Action Division

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**Meeting Notes**

- Mr. Martinez opened the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- Upon a motion by Ms. Gendron, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Commission on Aging minutes from July 10, 2019 were unanimously approved.

**Community Partnerships Committee Update**

- Ms. Gendron provided an overview of the Community Partnerships Committee meeting of November 1. The Orlando Economic Partnership gave a presentation of the Blue Zone initiative underway in the Orange County community. The results of this community evaluation should be released next month. The Committee also selected the presentation topics for 2020.

#### Senior Resource Alliance Update

- Ms. Reggentin stated that Ms. Radka could not attend today's Board meeting. The U.S. Administration on Aging and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs are in town for meetings.

#### City of Orlando Mayor's Committee on Livability and Healthy Aging

- Mr. Terrell stated the City of Orlando is moving forward with submitting a Livable Communities application to AARP.

#### Commission on Aging Update

- 2020 Meeting Schedule - Mr. Martinez summarized the results of the online survey that was sent to Board members to help identify meeting dates and times for 2020. Discussion ensued. Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the Board voted unanimously to move the meeting date. Upon a motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Ewell, the Board voted unanimously to select the third Wednesday of every other month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for their 2020 meeting schedule. Ms. Reggentin stated she would secure a room at the Holden Heights Community Center or another County facility.
- LIFE Information for Elders Seminar Series – Mr. Martinez provided a summary of the Spring 2020 series. The flier is current in draft format.
- Annual Report – Mr. Martinez asked the Board to review the 2018 annual report and provide input on the format. The Board stated no major changes were needed to the format or content. Discussion ensued. It was decided that a short demographic summary should be added.

#### Community Action Division Update

- Ms. Williams stated the County has hired a new public information officer. This new hire will assist the Community Action Division (and other divisions) in telling the story about their services, programming and opportunities to the community. Media outreach will include social media. The Board expressed an interest in using social media to raise awareness of Commission on Aging programming. The Board requested staff invite the new public information officer to their January meeting.
- Ms. Williams stated more community outreach events are being scheduled for the LiHEAP program.
- Ms. Williams stated the County will not be submitting a request to manage the federal Weatherization program within the County. The Board of County Commissioners approved a new program that will repair or replace air-conditioners for adults age 60-plus who meet income and eligibility requirements. The Board asked staff for a presentation on this new program at their January meeting.
- Ms. Williams stated one of her responsibilities is to manage the County's involvement in the 2020 Census. For the first time, the Census will be conducted online. With the knowledge that seniors are an under-counted population, the Complete Count Committee is looking at offering tech classes, having computers accessible in the community and placing easy-to-use kiosks in the community. She added that anyone can contact the Census and request a paper form.

#### New Business

- Interfaith and Aging Initiative – Ms. Reggentin stated this project was on hold due to an extended absence of the community outreach person at the Orlando VA Medical Center. Ms. Reggentin and Ms. Williams will be meeting next week to discuss next steps.

- Commission on Aging Goals – Mr. Martinez asked the Board to review the Commission on Aging goals. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed they would like to host a strategic planning exercise at their January meeting to identify objectives and an action plan for accomplishing these goals. Upon a motion by Ms. Gendron, seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board unanimously agreed to table this discussion until January.
- Board Elections – Mr. Martinez noted that elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair were slated for the January meeting, which he may not be able to attend. He asked if the Board wished to move forward with elections at this time. The Board agreed. Mr. Martinez moved to nominate Ms. Ewell as Chair. Ms. Gendron moved to nominate Mr. Patterson as Chair. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ewell stated she would prefer to be nominated for the Vice-Chair role. Upon a motion by Mr. Terrell, seconded by Ms. Gendron, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Patterson as Chair and Ms. Ewell as Vice-Chair.
- New Board Members – Ms. Reggentin stated the Board of County Commissioners appointed Javecia Colston and Gloria Harris to the Commission on Aging on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Public Comments

- No public comments were made.

Upon a motion by Ms. Keene, seconded by Mr. Terrell, the Board moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.

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