

**Orange County Commission on Aging  
Bi-Monthly Board Meeting – March 17, 2021  
Holden Heights Community Center**

**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. Willie Patterson, Chairman  
Mr. Victor Alzona  
Ms. Javecia Colston  
Ms. Edith Gendron  
Dr. Barbara Keene  
Mr. George McZeal  
Ms. Natasha Player  
Mr. Ken Terrell

**Members Absent**

Ms. Chandra Ewell, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Karla Radka

**Others Present**

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

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**Meeting Notes**

- Mr. Patterson opened the meeting and welcomed Ms. Player to the Commission on Aging advisory board. Ms. Player introduced herself.

**Consent Agenda**

- Ms. Colston made a motion to approve the Commission on Aging meeting minutes of January 22, 2021 and November 18, 2020. Mr. Alzona seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Ms. Colston made a motion to accept the Community Partnerships Committee meeting minutes of November 6, 2020. Mr. Alzona seconded and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

**Visioning Exercise and Discussion**

- Ms. Reggentin provided a brief update on current projects. The Spanish translation of the *Community Resources for Elders* document should be completed by April. The English

version is being updated to include 40 Orange TV interviews. The community survey for the Livable Communities Survey is being designed. A May launch is anticipated.

- Mr. Patterson provided a summary of the January 2020 discussion on strategic planning, including strengths and areas for improvement. He also summarized the March 2021 survey that Commission on Aging members were asked to complete. Mr. Patterson noted the responses varied among board members.
- Ms. Colston stated there was a need to measure the effectiveness of existing programs. Discussion ensued. The Board concluded that surveying individuals who have used the Commission on Aging's education materials and asked staff to develop implementation options, including an annual survey to the community. Ms. Reggentin stated she will distribute the previous survey that was distributed through the monthly newsletter in January 2020. The Board commented that surveys associated with community outreach should be simple to complete since many seniors do not use technology. This will be an agenda item for the May meeting.
- Discussion ensued on various Commission on Aging activities. Staff was directed to inquire on how Orange TV is working to raise awareness of this resource. Staff was also asked to inquire on potential partnerships with the UCF PBS station. Ms. Gendron asked if Elder Ambassadors could be used to offer tech training to seniors.
- The Board discussed where to focus distributing educational resources. The Board agreed that outreach to faith communities was important and reaching out to regional faith chapters / dioceses was recommended.

#### Livable Communities Initiative

- Mr. Patterson reviewed the status of the Livable Communities Initiative, commenting that the launch is anticipated for May 2021. The Board asked for more details on why Orange County Government was participating in this national program. Ms. Williams commented that participating in this national program provides Orange County with a benchmark tool to measure Orange County efforts against other communities. Ms. Reggentin stated the AARP Network of Livable Communities provides a general platform and enables communities to tailor this platform to the needs of their local communities.
- The Board discussed community groups that might assist in distributing the Livable Community surveys.
- Mr. Patterson asked the Board to identify discussion topics for future Board meetings. Discussion ensued. Ms. Colston made a motion to use the May meeting to discuss implementation of the Livable Communities survey and customer surveys; the July meeting to discuss community programs and events; the September meeting to discuss sharing existing information in the community and the November meeting to evaluate the status of current projects. Ms. Gendron seconded and the Board unanimously agreed.

#### New & Other Business

- There was no new business.

#### Public Input

- There was no public input.

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