



**COMMISSION ON AGING**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 300 W. MAIN STREET**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 10:30 AM**

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## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 10:28 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PRESENT**

Chairman Don Smarto  
Vice Chair Ann Hunter  
Commissioner Freddie Evans  
Commissioner Prudence Mathis  
Commissioner Lorraine Rose  
Commissioner Cynthia Smith  
Commissioner Barbra Thomas  
Commissioner Nancy Wooten  
AARP Representative Lee Lee Lee

### **INVOCATION**

*It is the custom and tradition of the members of the Commission on Aging to have an invocation prior to the beginning of its meetings. The invocation is directed to and offered solely for the benefit of the members of the Commission, though members of the audience are welcome to participate. However, members of the audience are not required to participate. The decision to participate is strictly a matter of personal choice and will have no bearing on any matter considered or decision made by the Commission during the meeting.*

Invocation by Don Smarto at 10:29 a.m.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Minutes: Motion made by Chairman Smarto to approve the March 10, 2021 Minutes, Seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Voting Yea: Chairman Smarto, Vice Chair Hunter, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Mathis, Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wooten
2. City Update: Recreation Superintendent, Chris Ginapp gave the City update. He mentioned again that the Summit and Play Grand Adventures are open. He also spoke about the COVID Vaccination site at the Grand Prairie Theater over on Belt Line. This site is now only giving 2nd vaccinations and will close on April 28th. Lastly, he spoke briefly about the Big Event. This city-wide event will be held on April 24th. It is an event in which volunteers will assist with qualifying service projects at the homes of the people who need help.
3. Nutrition Update: Tabled until the next meeting.

4. COA Banner Design: Motion made by Commissioner Smith to approve the #4 COA Banner Design, Seconded by Vice Chair Hunter. Voting Yea: Chairman Smarto, Vice Chair Hunter, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Mathis, Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wooten
5. Calls & Transportation for Seniors in a Weather Crisis: Commissioner Rose suggested to reach out to the other Area Agencies to see if there are any other transportation programs available through them. Commissioner Rose and Commissioner Smith agreed to reach out to Grand Connection to see what transportation programs are available and report back at the next meeting.
6. The Future of COA Public Programs: In the past, COA held presentations at the Summit during the monthly meetings. Idea is to bring presentations outside of the Summit and the City. (Example: bringing presenters into assisted living/retirement facilities and churches, etc...) More discussion about this would take place at the next meeting.
7. COA May Meeting: Motion made to meet in May (May 12, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.) by Chairman Smarto, Seconded by Commissioner Mathis. Voting Yea: Chairman Smarto, Vice Chair Hunter, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Mathis, Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wooten.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizens' comments.

Commissioner Smith asked about the new COA mission statement and any updates on that. Chairman Smarto addressed this and stated that this item did not get on the City Council agenda. He informed the commission that he would keep everyone update on this as he is updated.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. by Commissioner Mathis, Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Voting Yea: Chairman Smarto, Vice Chair Hunter, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Mathis, Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wooten.

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*Jaclyn Gunderson, COA Secretary*