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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
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**LOCATION: L1FN AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 **Convened:** 12:19 pm

Adjourned: 1:38 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

- Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
- Portia Cantrell (Dist. 2)
- Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3)
- VACANT (Dist. 4)
- Marian Williams (Dist. 7)
- Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)
- Beverly White (Dist. 9)
- Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
- Bill Gart (Dist. 11)
- VACANT (Dist. 12)
- J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)
- Karen Roberts (Dist. 14)
- Fred Welsh (Dist. 15)

Committee Members Absent:

- Feliz Jarvis (Dist. 5)
- Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)

Guests:

- Greg Morris
- Renae Perry
- Grant Sisk

City of Dallas Staff Present:

- Anamika Anand, Manager
- Brita Andercheck, Officer/Director
- Ana Camacho, Supervisor
- Andrew Davis, Manager
- David Denham, Manager
- Thor Erickson, Manager
- Jessica Galleshaw, Manager
- Marissa Garza, Analyst
- Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
- Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker
- Turquoise McCain, Coordinator
- Aysia Muzquiz, Intern
- James Ramirez, Caseworker
- Lupe Rios, Administrator
- Maya Williams, Assistant

Call to Order

Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) called the monthly meeting to order at 12:19 pm, reminded the Commissioners to turn on their cameras, and conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

Public Comments

Portia Cantrell announced that June is Pride Month, a globally recognized month to celebrate the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community and commented on the need for support and ongoing conversations regarding the concerns and issues of older LGBT adults living in the City of Dallas and lack of resources available to members of this community. Commissioner Cantrell asked the other Commissioners to commit to learning about the unique needs of the elder members of the rainbow community and to research ways to address these needs.

Approval of May 23, 2022 Minutes

Bill Gart made a motion to approve the May 2022 minutes. Fred Welsh seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Chair Report.

Chair Kline reminded the Commissioners of the Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA) requirements for a videoconference meeting and ask the Commissioners if they wanted to schedule the SAC meetings from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Beverly White, Carmen Arana, and Verna Mitchell did not want to change the time frame. Karen Roberts stated that she was okay with a two-hour meeting.

Commissioner Kline announced that today is Bill Gart's last meeting because his term ended and recognized him for his service as a Senior Affairs Commissioner representing Dallas City Council, District 11 who served as Vice Chair of the SAC and Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. Chair Kline praised Commissioner Gart and thanked him for all he has done for the City of Dallas.

Briefing: Dallas College Emeritus Programs

Dr. Greg Morris, Senior Vice Provost, Dallas College provided an update on the Dallas College Emeritus Programs designed to serve older adults in Dallas County. One of the key highlights of this program is that the classes are 100 percent free for seniors, 65 years of age and older. The tuition is waived. Dallas College offers about 11,000 credit classes. The Emeritus programs are custom designed specifically for seniors. The free fitness classes are most popular. Strategic goals of the program are to build partnerships, to collaborate with the City of Dallas, to increase awareness, to expand programming, and to connect seniors to learning opportunities.

Grant Sisk, Senior Manager, Special Academic Programs talked about the programs offered in the fall: technology, language, arts, health, and fitness. They are interested in expanding the programs to the southern sector of Dallas.

Briefing: Senior Data Collection Process and Dashboard Development

Dr. Brita Andercheck, Chief Data Officer and Director of the Office of Data Analytics and Business Intelligence for the City of Dallas presented a PowerPoint on Senior Demographics in the City of Dallas and briefed the Commission on the senior data collection process and dashboard development project. She provided background history, purpose of the team, and key findings in the senior population. Her team will provide workshop sessions for the Commissioners to practice using the exploratory tool. The mission of the team is to use data to improve people's lives.

Andrew Davis, GIS Technical Manager, demonstrated the senior demographics exploratory tool to take a closer look at the data in each council district. This interactive tool will enable anyone in the world to explore the data and learn more about the City of Dallas, senior population.

Marissa Garza, GIS Analyst III, explained how to navigate the application and to explore the data, find maps and the dashboard which summarizes all of the demographic data for the senior residents in the City of Dallas.

Briefing: City of Dallas Program Updates

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, provided an update on the home repair programs.

- Approximately 60 homes under construction for all repair programs
- About 45 additional homes pending construction
- American Recovery Plan Act Neighborhood Revitalization Program (ARPA NRP) has launched.
- Marketing firm hired to do strategic outreach and awareness of the ARPA NRP
- Minor Home Repair Program: Drafting agreements for the four applicants selected to administer the program
- Home Improvement & Preservation Program: Accepting applications on August 1, 2022. Turn in August 20th.

Ana Y. Camacho, Supervisor, Senior Services Program provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program including summary of calls and outreach events, update on contract partners/seniors served. Senior Services has started doing in-person outreach again and continuing to do virtual events.

In May Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Senior Services received 134 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, served 979 unduplicated clients and participated in 22 outreach events in May 2022 Year-to-Date (YTD). The highest number of calls received in May 2022 were for financial assistance (69), housing (42), and home repairs (36).

- DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 15 new registrants; 309 registered users; 531 one-way trips in May 2022
- Achieve Senior Employment Program: 8 seniors served; 8 seniors received job placement assistance in May Fiscal Year 21-22; Total of 96 seniors served in Fiscal Year 21-22 YTD
- Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program: 100 unduplicated seniors served and 129 senior patient visits in May 2022
- Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 390 assisted living and nursing home visits; 3073 residents visited; 95% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days in May 2022 YTD

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Commissioner Mitchell, District 3, reported that she is meeting in person again for her bi-monthly meeting with Council Member Casey Thomas. The monthly breakfast forums have resumed where representatives from city departments share information.

Debbie Austin reported that she advocated for a resident in District 8 to restore a bus route so that disabled seniors in her district did not have to walk a half a mile on an incline to the bus stop. She attended a luncheon held by Gretchen Feinhals, RSVP Program Director at the Senior Source and connected Ms. Feinhals to Alexandria McLemore, Dallas Public Library, Senior Phone Pals Program. She is planning to meet with Council Member Atkins tomorrow morning to discuss a community resource event for seniors. Ms. Austin plans to deliver donations (masks, wipes, hand sanitizers) to Almas Muscatwalla, Executive Director of Faith Forward Dallas at Thanks-Giving Square who is helping immigrants to resettle. Commissioner Austin also reported that Opal Lee was a guest in District 8 at the Highland Hills Library.

Upcoming Events

- August 22, 2022: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

Adjournment

Commissioner Gart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Welsh seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



J. Peter Kline (Aug 25, 2022 10:14 CDT)

J. Peter Kline, Chair

Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)