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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023  
CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

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Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: [12]**

*Carmen Arana, District 1/Commissioner	*Debbie Austin, District 8/Commissioner
*Verna Mitchell, District 3/Commissioner	*Lisa Kelly, District 9/Commissioner
Phyllis Lee, District 4/Commissioner**	Jeri Baker, District 10/Commissioner
Feliz Jarvis, District 5/Commissioner	J. Peter Kline, District 13/Commissioner
*Marilyn Daniels, District 6/Commissioner	Karen Roberts, District 14/Commissioner
Marian A. Williams, District 7/Commissioner	Mike Nurre, District 15/Commissioner

**ABSENT: [3]**

Portia Cantrell, District 2/Commissioner	Beth Mond, District 12/Commissioner
Renee L. Karp, District 11/Commissioner	

*\*Note: Members of the Senior Affairs Commission participated in this meeting by video conference.*

*\*\*Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 a.m. with a quorum of eleven of the Senior Affairs Commission members present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS", of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

The Senior Affairs Commission provided "public speaker" opportunities. There were no public speakers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 27, 2023)**

The February 2023 Senior Affairs Commission meeting minutes: Commissioner Karen Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Nurre and unanimously approved.

## **SAC REPORTS**

### **Chair's Report**

SAC Chair, Peter Kline reminded the Commissioners of the Texas Open Meetings Act or TOMA requirements for videoconference meetings and provided an update on the Senior Data Project. Chair Kline has been working with Dallas County to obtain information on voter turnout statistics for each council district including the percentage of seniors, 65 years of age and older, who voted in last several elections. The next phase of the data project is to find pro bono consulting services to conduct survey work. Chair Kline had conversations with two accounting firms to ask for help with the project and is scheduled to meet with another firm tomorrow. Goal of survey work is to identify the five biggest issues facing seniors and how big the issues are in each district.

### **Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates**

Commissioners Karen Roberts (District 14), Verna Mitchell (District 3), Jeri Baker (District 10), Phyllis Lee (District 4) reported news and activities taking place in their districts.

### **Reports of Committees**

Chair Kline distributed copies of the Senior Affairs Commission 2023 SAC Committee Structure. The first subcommittee meetings in 2023 will be held on Tuesday, May 9th. Chair of each subcommittee meeting must be physically present at the meeting. The subcommittee meetings must end five to ten minutes before the next meeting.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Senior Services Program & Contracts**

Ana Camacho, Supervisor, provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program and contracts including summary of calls and outreach events, and an update on contract partners/seniors served for the month of February 23, 2023.

In February 2023, Senior Services received 136 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, served 685 unduplicated clients and participated in 28 outreach events in February, Year to Date (YTD) 2023. The highest number of calls received in February 2023 were for financial assistance (120), home repair (70), and housing (42). Data on Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Rides Rider Assistance Program (RAP), U&I Senior Employment Services, and the Senior Ombudsman Program was presented for February 2023. The Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program contract was approved on March 8, 2023; therefore, they did not have an active contract in February 2023.

### **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department Program Update**

Reese Collins, Area Redevelopment Manager, City of Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization updated the SAC on the Senior Home Repair Program (SHRP). Applications for SHRP closed on March 3, 2023. Housing staff is currently in the process of inputting the applications in the system. Goal is to have 1.1 million dollars available for home repairs up to \$10,000 per house and to utilize a lottery selection process. In early April, staff plans to reach out to applicants. First lottery will be held in mid-April. Applications will be valid for one year. Contractors will begin working on first house in June or July of 2023 and prioritize according to need.

Thor Erickson, Assistant Director, City of Dallas Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department will be briefing the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee meeting on how the funds will be utilized on March 21, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Alzheimer’s Association Programs and Services**

Kathy Shockley, MA, LNHA, Director, Programs & Services, Alzheimer's Association Dallas and Northeast Texas Chapter presented a PowerPoint on the mission, statistics, and services provided by the Alzheimer’s Association including community resources, free education programs, and caregiver support services. Mission of Alzheimer’s Association is to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia. The Alzheimer’s Association’s most valuable resource is their 24-hour help line: 1-800-272-3900. The 2023 Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Dallas.

**Owenwood Farm and Neighbor Space**

Zach deMoya, Executive Director, and Kelly Drake, Board Chair, provided a broad overview of the history, mission, vision, programs, and services provided by Owenwood Farm and Neighbor Space, a nonprofit community center focused primarily on East Dallas in 75228. Owenwood hosts the trans empowerment coalition and advocates for the trans community. Mr. Drake spoke about senior programs provided free of charge including chair yoga, painting, art, gardening classes, health and nutrition seminars, food and diaper distribution on the last Saturday of the month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After all the business of the Senior Affairs Commission had been considered, Commissioner Jarvis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously accepted. The Senior Affairs Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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Approved by:  
J. Peter Kline, Chair  
Senior Affairs Commission

Date

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