



**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
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**LOCATION: CR CITY HALL L1FN AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, November 15, 2021

Convened: 11:55 a.m.

Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
Portia M. Cantrell (Dist. 2)
Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3)
VACANT (Dist. 5)
Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)
Marian Williams (Dist. 7)
Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)
Beverly White (Dist. 9)
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
Zelene Lovitt (Dist. 12)
J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)
Karen Roberts (Dist. 14)
VACANT (Dist. 15)

Committee Members Absent:

Ola Allen (Dist. 4)
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)

City of Dallas Staff Present:

Ana Camacho, Supervisor
Thor Erickson, Manager
Jessica Galleshaw, Director
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker
James Ramirez, Caseworker
Lupe Rios, Administrator

Call to Order

Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), called the monthly meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. and conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

No Public Comments

Approval of October 25, 2021 Minutes

Verna Mitchell made a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes with one correction. Carmen Arana seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

SAC Approval of Meeting Schedule

The Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the meeting schedule.

SAC Annual Report Planning Discussion

Commissioner Kline will begin working on a draft of the SAC Annual Report to present to the Commission at the SAC meeting in December 2021.

Chair Report

Commissioner Kline commented on the open seats on the Commission and asked the new Commissioners, Karen Roberts and Marian Williams, to introduce themselves. He presented several charts: Dallas Population Overview, Senior Population by Council District, Council Districts map, City of Dallas Long-Term Care Facilities current census data, and a link to the American Community Survey Report.

Objective: To define the scope of the problems by gathering data to identify the needs of seniors in each district

Goals:

- To introduce factual data on the scope of the problem at each SAC meeting
- To identify organizations that target specific problems
- To raise a red flag or call attention to senior issues
- To make recommendations for city priorities based on research data

Senior Population Data:

- 160,000 seniors in the City of Dallas
- 12% of the total population
- 16% of the voting age population
- 90,000 women; 70,000 men

Chair Kline reminded the Commissioners to identify the three biggest problems or issues that exist in their districts.

City of Dallas Program Updates

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, provided an update on the home repair programs. Most home repair applicants are seniors. Currently, 51 houses are under construction. Two of the houses are reconstructions. The first twenty home inspections have been completed.

The Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP) is a component of HIPP (Home Improvement and Preservation Program).

- Request for proposal will be posted on city website in search of a nonprofit to administer the MHRP
- MHRP funded through CDBG (Community Development Block Grant)
- One million dollars allocated for Minor Home Repairs under \$5,000

Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program

Ana Y. Camacho, Supervisor, provided an update on the Senior Services Program, Contract Partners, and a written report with year-to-date comparative data.

As of October 2021, Senior Services received 152 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, 3 outreach events, and reached out to 74 seniors. The highest number of calls received were for financial assistance, home modifications and repairs.

- DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 27 new clients; 212 registered users; 298 trips as of October 2021
- Achieve's Senior Services Employment Program: 39 seniors served; 39 seniors received job placement assistance
- Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program: 139 unduplicated seniors served in October 2021; 199 patient visits
- The Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 38 assisted living and nursing home visits; 1076 residents visited; 100% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days

Senior Affairs Subcommittee Updates

Debbie Austin provided an update on the Social, Civic Engagement, Isolation Subcommittee meeting in August. Jerri Locke, Director of Healthy Aging at Methodist Generations talked about the wonderful programs offered for seniors.

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Commissioner Austin (District 8) stated that lots of families were displaced due to the explosion and thanked Commissioner Bill Gart who donated household items, furniture, dishes, and other needed items.

Verna Mitchell reported on an event in District 3. In collaboration with Parks and Recreation, District 3 had a Veggie Fest. The proceeds were contributed to the community.

Carmen Arana reported that a groundbreaking ceremony was held in District 1 on November 9, 2021 to celebrate the public/private partnership project of 230 new, affordable family units named Gateway Oak Cliff scheduled to open in 2023.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ December 13, 2021: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

Adjournment

Beverly White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Zelene Lovitt seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:

J. Peter Kline

J. Peter Kline, Chair
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)

Signature: *J. Peter Kline*
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