



**City of Dallas**

**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING:  
NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION  
DALLAS CITY HALL, L1EN Conference Room D  
Friday, January 24, 2020  
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Friday, January 24, 2020

**Convened:** 9:31 a.m.

**Adjourned:** 11:26 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Jan Hart Black, Chair  
Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)  
VACANT (Dist. 2)  
Verna G. Mitchell (Dist. 3)  
Myrtis Evans (Dist. 4)  
Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)  
Cannon Flowers (Dist. 7)  
Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)  
Beverly White (Dist. 9)  
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)  
J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)

**Committee Members Absent:**

M. Ja'net Huling (Dist. 5)  
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)  
Zelene Lovitt (Dist. 12)  
Sarah Wick (Dist. 14)

**City of Dallas Staff Present:**

Latrice Brown, Supervisor  
Ana Camacho, Manager  
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker  
Anthony Jacobs, Lieutenant  
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker  
Emily Lollola-Lopez, Caseworker  
Heather Lowe, Administrator  
Meredith Maulsby, Manager  
James Ramirez, Caseworker  
Joli A. Robinson, Manager  
Stephen Walker, Coordinator  
Wanda West, Sergeant

1. **Call to Order**

Jan Hart Black, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) special meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and conducted a roll call to establish a quorum.

2. **No Public Comments**

3. **City of Dallas Libraries**

Heather Lowe, Adult Services Administrator, Dallas Library, provided an overview of the Adult Services Program.

Four focus areas:

- The community, intergenerational events
- Health and wellness classes
- The arts
- Outreach

Seven of the libraries target older adults. Ms. Lowe is working with the Office of Community Care to create a joint city event calendar.

4. **Dallas Park & Recreation**

Latrice Brown, Supervisor of WellMed Senior Activity Center, Dallas Park and Recreation Department presented an update on the Senior Program Division including information on the Active Senior Adult Programs (A.S.A.P) and the WellMed Senior Activity Center. The Senior Games kick off on February 27, 2020.

Beverly White expressed her concern with the lack of programs at Harry Stone Recreation Center. Ms. Brown will ask Daryl Quarles to reach out to her and Debbie Austin about Fit Steps at WellMed.

5. **Community Courts Program**

Emily Lollola-Lopez, Social Services Coordinator, West Dallas Community Court, provided an overview of services. The Community Courts focus on improving the quality of life for City of Dallas residents.

6. **Dallas Fire-Rescue**

Anthony Jacobs, Public Education Lieutenant, Dallas Fire-Rescue, provided an overview of senior-targeted services and/or programming. He provides educational presentations to the community that are senior focused.

7. **311**

Stephen Walker, Community Engagement Coordinator, 311, provided an overview of 311 services and City Hall on the Go. 311 is available 24 hours a day including holidays. 311 employees are located at Martin Luther King, Jr. and West Dallas Multipurpose Centers.

Two primary functions of 311:

- To take requests for any city department including requests for free smoke detectors and batteries
- Provide general information or point of contact for city information

The City Hall on the Go van is a way of engaging and educating the city. The van travels to libraries and recreation centers. City of Dallas residents can order birth certificates online on the van. Call 311 to ask where the van is today. Technical support group can put a hold on their account. Call City Hall on the Go to request van service.

8. **Dallas Police Department (DPD)**

Joli Angel Robinson, Manager III, provided an overview of senior-targeted services and/or programming and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Dallas Police Department, talked about the Senior Safety Summit, partnering with the Office of Community Care, Senior Services, and the door hangers program, one of the best ways to communicate information to senior residents.

Sergeant Wanda West, Dallas Police Department, talked about iWatch Dallas, an interactive crime watch program and partnership with the Dallas Police Department that enables members of the community to anonymously report suspicious behaviors and activities in real time from their mobile phones.

9. **City of Dallas OCC Senior Services**

Ana Camacho, Manager, Office of Community Care (OCC) Senior Services provided an overview of senior services including referral and information, the Texas Ramp Project, Operation Watershare, Ombudsman Program, dental health program, and the Senior FORCE employment program. One of the main goals of senior services is to form a lot of partnerships.

10. **Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization**

Meredith Maulsby, Housing Project Manager, Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization, presented an overview of the City of Dallas, Home Improvement and Preservation Program. Home repair applications have closed.

- Major home repair program – up to \$40,000
- Minor home repair program – city grant matches up to \$10,000

One thousand people started an application but did not submit it. Five hundred, thirty applications were submitted. The average age of the applicants was 63. The majority of the applicants live in Districts 1, 4, and 7.


11. **Upcoming Events**

The SAC Workshop will be held on January 27, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Meadows Conference Center on 2900 Live Oak Street in Dallas.

12. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

APPROVED BY:



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Jan Hart Black, Chair  
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)