

**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING**

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**MONDAY, August 23, 2021**

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, August 23, 2021 **Convened:** 12:00 p.m. **Adjourned**: 1:04 pm

**Committee Members Present**: **Committee Members Absent**: **City of Dallas Staff Present:**

Jan Hart Black, Chair Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3) absent Ana Camacho, Supervisor

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1) Ja’net Huling (Dist. 5) absent Thor Erickson, Manager

Portia M. Cantrell (Dist. 2) Debbie Austin (Dist. 8) absent Jessica Galleshaw, Director

Ola Allen (Dist. 4) Myckycle Hart, Caseworker

Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6) **Guests** Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker

VACANT (Dist. 7) Sarah Wick Aqwana Long, Manager

Beverly White (Dist. 9) Susan Williams Maria Manzanares, Specialist

Jeri Baker (Dist. 10) Barbara Martinez, City Attorney Bill Gart (Dist.11) James Ramirez, Caseworker

Zelene Lovitt (Dist. 12) Lupe Rios, Administrator J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)

VACANT (Dist. 14)

**Call to Order**

Jan Hart Black, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), called the monthly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and

conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

**Public Comments**

Sara Wick announced her resignation from the SAC and thanked everyone. She plans to serve as a citizen on

select committees.

**Approval of June 28, 2021 Minutes**

Peter Kline made a motion to approve the June 2021 minutes. Beverly White seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

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**City of Dallas Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department**

Aqwana Long, Housing Project Manager for the Home Improvement and Preservation Program (HIPP) presented an overview of the two HIPP programs, the application process, qualifying information, and other home repair programs.

* **Major Rehabilitation Program** – $50,000 cap per property to rehab a home
* **Home Reconstruction Program** – $160,000 to rebuild a home. Must be a referral from major home rehabilitation program for homes needing more than $50,000 worth of work.
* Homeowner must be current on mortgage payments.
* Homeowner can apply for tax payment plan if property taxes are delinquent. Homeowner has two days from time application is processed to get on a tax payment plan.
* Homeowner can apply even if no homeowner’s insurance. Once application is processed and the home inspection is complete, homeowner has two weeks to obtain home insurance. If unable to get home insurance due to condition of home, home insurance company must provide a letter to HIPP stating reason homeowner is unable to provide insurance and the application will be processed.

**Proposed Tenth Street Historical District Rehab Program Amendments:**

* To increase eligibility requirement from 80% to 120% area median income
* To increase home repair assistance from $20,000 to $50,000

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, reported that the Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee was briefed this morning on proposed amendments to the home repair programs. The proposed change to minor home repair is to remove the match and to decrease the total dollar amount per house to $5,000 to avoid lead testing and abatement procedures to focus on the minor home repair issue.

Dallas City Council will consider the proposed changes on September 9, 2021 for approval. If they vote, yes, housing

staff will begin working on the minor home repair request for competitive proposals to be advertised this fall for

nonprofits to administer the program.

**City of Dallas Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program**

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

As of July 2021, Senior Services received 1051 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, 30 outreach events, and reached out to 1,566 seniors. The highest number of calls received were for housing, home repairs, and financial assistance.

* DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 9 new clients; 130 registered users; 148 trips as of June 2021
* Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program:104 unduplicated seniors served in July 2021 with 137 patient visits
* The Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 93 assisted living and nursing home visits; 2345 residents visited; 79% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days

**Funding Priorities Subcommittee Update**

Commissioner Klein, SAC Commissioner, District 13, provided an update on the Funding Priorities Subcommittee.

There were no cuts to funding in the City Manager’s budget that would impact any of the proposed priorities.

The City of Dallas senior-focused programming budgets aligned with SAC funding priorities recommendations.

**No Senior Affairs Subcommittee Updates**

**Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates**

Jeri Baker, District 10, reported that the long-awaited opening of the new Forest Spring Branch Library is scheduled for

September 25, 2021. The bond package was approved by voters and Friends of the Dallas Public Library have a

campaign to fund a wish list of items not covered by the bond.

**Upcoming Events**

* September 27, 2021: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

**Adjournment**

Carmen Arana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m. Commissioner Kline seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:



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Jan Hart Black, Chair

Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)