



Senior Affairs Commission Report

Monday, December 17, 2018

Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of November 26, 2018 Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Benenson to approve the November 26th minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. AARP Texas Presentation

- Susan Williams, Associate State Director of AARP Texas, provided an overview of the age-friendly communities project.
- A number of surveys and listening sessions were conducted in order to find better ways to serve the older adult community.

5. Senior Affairs Commission Subcommittee Reports

- Health & Safety Report – Commissioner Raines
 - Reported his district council member will not be running for another term.
- Budget Report – Commissioner Benenson
 - Mentioned the CDBG Public Hearings for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan began on January 3rd. She encouraged all commissioner to attend one meeting. At the budget meeting this afternoon, the commissioner will discuss what they will request.
 - Met with Lupe Rios, OCC Program Administrator, last week and discussed goals for next year. Lupe is willing to do whatever it takes to make the commissioners more concerned about the budget and that they are on top of it.
- Social Needs Report – Commissioner Sparks
 - The subcommittee did not have a quorum last month, so they did not have a meeting.
 - The Parks & Rec Department is doing a 2nd phase of swimming pools improvements. The 7 different swimming pools are listed on the aquatics plan on the city website. Each of these are going to be zero-entry pools for both children and adults.
- Housing Report – Commissioner Gart
 - Commissioner Gart has a meeting scheduled with David Noguera, Housing Director, in hopes in January when he comes to the retreat that he will have something that reflects the 1st quarter. David and Commissioner Gart will come up with a report from the housing application to show how many people applied, how many people were turned down and hopefully the report will zero in and say how many seniors were actually helped.
- Transportation Report – Commissioner Evans
 - Will request a meeting for February to have a more formal conversation with Mike Rogers, Director of Transportation.
 - Commissioner Benenson requests a list of the other services provided since citizens are not eligible for the city's Senior Medical Transportation Program (SMTP).
 - Chair Fein requested Commissioner Evans put SMTP on her February agenda and if anyone is interested then attend the meeting.

6. SAC 2019 Project

- Commissioner Baker provided an overview of the detailed meeting over the Senior Synergy Expo held on December 10th.
- Kathryn Rotter, Office of Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley's Outreach Coordinator, presented a step-by-step review of the process of the Senior Synergy Expo.
- Commissioner Baker gave a comparison between MayFair and the Senior Synergy Expo.
- Chair Fein will plan another meeting in January and invite all commissioners to discuss to either move forward with planning such an event or to not plan.

7. Office of Community Care / Senior Services Announcements

The Senior Services Office is coming back to full strength, but there is still a manager position vacant and they hope to have it filled by the end of January.

One temp staff worker who is also a social worker has been utilized to ensure they are continuing to maintain service for clients by answering the senior services line and making sure they get a quick response. Jessica also referenced the Consolidated Plan Public Hearings and mentioned more information will be sent out via email.

○ **Field Report**

● **Events**

- Attended National Night Out and Senior Care Solutions in October.
- Did a presentation in November to a few upcoming social workers on the services OCC provides through the programming of COD.
- Attended the Health & Harvest Event at Juanita Craft.
- Staff attended two properties since they get a lot of calls about housing; Walnut Place is creating 60 units on their bottom floor and pricing starts off at \$800/month and goes to \$1,200 for independent living.
- Attended the Park & Rec Healthy Expo.
- Organized the Viva Event in Council Member Callahan's district.
- Invited by Commissioner Johnson to attend the WellMed facility.
- Conducted 3 SNAP presentations last week.
- Held a listening session for Commissioner Gart in October and one for Commissioner Johnson this month.
- Volunteered at the Tis the Season Event held at the Bomb Factory.
- Commissioner Arana requested the Walnut Place's information
- Chair Fein would like to help create a contact sheet for people that call looking for senior living locations.
- Jessica requested Myckycle update the senior housing option booklet he created and distribute.
- Commissioner Johnson mentioned the senior center facilitated by WellMed and the Dallas Parks & Rec Department is the 1st senior center in the city.

8. Liaison Comment

9. Citizen's Comments

Reminder that the next meeting is on January 28th and that is the retreat. Everything will be finalized today. Committee chairs your job is to come to this meeting prepared with your goals for 2019.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.



**SENIOR AFFAIRS
COMMISSION**



City of Dallas

**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET
DALLAS CITY HALL, 5ES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Attendance Sheet

Committee Members Present

Sharyn Fein, Chair
Carmen Arana, District 1
John Johnson, District 3
Myrtis Evans, District 4
Carl Raines, District 5
Jearldine McDaniel, District 6
Deloris J. King, District 7
Debbie Austin, District 8
Mary Sparks, District 9
Jeri Baker, District 10
Bill Gart, District 11
Marlene Cohen, District 12
Syl Benenson, District 13

Staff Present

Anna Camacho
Myckyle Hart
Jessica Galleshaw
Heather Silver
Lupe Rios
Zena Palmer

Committee Members Absent

Vacant, District 2
Sarah Wick, District 14

Guests Present

Susan Williams