



**SENIOR AFFAIRS  
COMMISSION**



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Monday, October 16, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.

Dallas City Hall – LIFN Auditorium

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, October 16, 2017

**Convened:** 12:00 p.m. **Adjourned:** 12:58 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Sharyn Fein, Chair  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
John Johnson (Dist. 3)  
VACANT (Dist. 4)  
Carl Raines (Dist. 5)  
Jearldine McDaniel (Dist. 6)  
Deloris King (Dist. 7)  
VACANT (Dist. 8)  
Mary Ann Sparks (Dist. 9)  
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)  
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Syl Benenson (Dist. 13)

**Committee Members Absent:**

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)  
Sarah Wick (Dist. 14)

**Guests Present:**

Lynda Ender  
Janice Thomas  
Susan Williams

**City of Dallas Staff Present:**

Cobbie Ransom, Administrator  
Heather Silver, SAC CAO Liaison  
Ana Camacho, Caseworker  
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker

#### **AGENDA:**

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Sharyn Fein, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and conducted a roll call. A quorum was determined to begin the meeting.

**2. Welcome from Sharyn Fein, Chair**

Commissioner Fein welcomed the Commissioners to her first meeting and introduced the new Commissioners: Commissioner Carl Raines representing District 5, Commissioner Jearldine McDaniel representing District 6, and Commissioner Deloris King representing District 7.

New Chair Rules:

- Make reports concise.
- Please allow the member who is speaking to complete their thoughts before commenting and try to avoid cross conversation with each other.
- Be respectful and polite at all times.
- Please address each other by Commissioner and their last name.

3. **Approval of Minutes from the September 18, 2017 SAC meeting**

**Action Taken:**

A motion was made to approve the September 18, 2017 minutes as written. A motion was made by SAC John Johnson and seconded by SAC Syl Benenson.

4. **2017 Senior Affairs Commission Retreat**

**Presenter(s):** Sharyn Fein, SAC Chair

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

Commissioner Fein presented two date options for the SAC Retreat at the T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center in Dallas: Monday, November 20, 2017 or Monday, November 13, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. including breakfast and lunch.

Commissioner Johnson moved that the retreat be held on November 20, 2017. A motion was made by SAC Commissioner John Johnson and seconded by SAC Commissioner Lydia Simpson. By a show of hands, all of the Commissioners approved.

5. **Senior Affairs Commission Committee Reports**

**Presenter(s):** Commissioner John Johnson/Commissioner Syl Benenson/Commissioner Bill Gart/Commissioner Lydia Simpson

Commissioner Johnson reported on the Elderly Safety Awareness and Health Committee meeting where they discussed the Coffee with Cops and Chief on the Beat brochures. Some people feel afraid to attend because of police presence. To ease their fears of being deported, he suggested that a disclaimer be placed on the flyer and approved by the City Attorney. He suggested reading an article in the New Yorker regarding guardianship: *How the Elderly Lose Their Rights*.

Commissioner Benenson presented the final copy of the City of Dallas Senior Affairs Commission Budget Recommendations for FY 2017-2018 to the Commission and reported that the budget was accepted by the City Council. The new Housing Director indicated that he would provide reports for the new housing initiative.

Commissioner Bill Gart stated that the new Housing Director is putting all the housing money for home repairs under one roof. Commissioner Gart cancelled the Housing Committee meeting on October 17, 2017.

Susan Williams, Associate State Director at AARP, reported on the Age-Friendly Communities plan. In December, they will present the plan to the Human and Social Needs Committee.

Lydia Simpson reported that Age Well Live Well is participating in Senior Days at the State Fair. The coalition has been working on building an Age Well Live Well website for community partners.

6. **Senior Affairs Announcements:**

**Presenter(s):** Ana Camacho, Caseworker

Senior Services Program Update:

Ana Camacho reported on the Senior Services Program goals achieved in FY 2016-2017.

Commissioner Benenson asked Ms. Camacho to speak at the Brady Center. Commissioner Mary Ann Sparks suggested doing a senior services presentation at C.C. Young senior living community.

7. **Citizens' Comments:**

**Presenter(s):** Janice Thomas, Senior Citizen

Janice Thomas announced that the City Council Human and Social Needs Committee is an open meeting that meets at 11:00 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

8. **Senior Affairs Commission Forecast:**

**Presenter(s):** Sharyn Fein, Chair

The next meeting will be the SAC Retreat on November 20, 2017. Commissioner Benenson proposed changing the date of the SAC meeting in January and February to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. A motion was made by SAC Commissioner Marlene Cohen and seconded by SAC Commissioner Mary Ann Sparks to shift the meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January and February of 2018.

9. **Adjournment:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendations(s):**

A motion was made by John Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Syl Benenson.

APPPROVED BY:

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Sharyn Fein, Chair  
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)