



**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
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**LOCATION: L1FN AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Convened: 12:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
VACANT (Dist. 2)
Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3)
VACANT (Dist. 4)
Feliz Jarvis (Dist. 5)
Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)
Marian Williams (Dist. 7)
Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)
Beverly White (Dist. 9)
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)
VACANT (Dist. 12)
J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)
Karen Roberts (Dist. 14)
Fred Welsh (Dist. 15)

Guests:

Katherine Krause

City of Dallas Staff Present:

Thor Erickson, Manager
Jessica Galleshaw, Director
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker
Kristine Nguyen, Assistant
James Ramirez, Caseworker
Lupe Rios, Administrator
David Zepeda, Supervisor

Call to Order

Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), called the monthly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

No Public Comments

Approval of January 24, 2022 Minutes

Beverly White made a motion to approve the January 2022 minutes. Verna Mitchell seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Report.

Chair Kline made several announcements and provided an update on the data gathering progress.

- Welcome to Feliz Jarvis, District 5, appointed by Council Member Jaime Resendez
- Portia Cantrell forfeited her position as a member of the SAC for District 2.

- The SAC has three vacancies.
- Chair Kline met with the Office of Analytics and Business Intelligence on February 23, 2022.
- Team of four people are actively working on the data gathering project, assimilating data, adding demographics and other information pertaining to the senior population into a mapping application.
- Statistics will be available by district.
- Chair Kline hopes to be able to extract data to report at the SAC meetings by April or May of 2022.

Discussion of SAC Mission and Authorized Functions

Chair Kline reviewed a document outlining the SAC mission, authorized functions, and role of a Senior Affairs Commissioner.

Key points noted by Commissioner Kline:

- Most important function of the SAC is to gather and discuss facts and information about senior citizens residing in the City of Dallas.
- One of the tasks of the SAC is to assess the most critical issues confronting seniors and attempt to quantify and identify the nature and scope of these problems on a city-wide basis.
- The SAC needs a factual database to assess senior issues and to make recommendations on funding of needed senior services.
- The City of Dallas should be aware of all these problems and unmet needs of the elderly so they can decide how to address these problems.
- The role of the SAC is to advise the City Council Members.
- The SAC recommends funding priorities related to senior services as part of the annual budget process.
- Bill Gart responded by emphasizing the importance of working closely with your Council Member.

Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)

Katherine Krause, CEO, Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) provided an overview of VNA, Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program, VNA Hospice Care Services, VNA response to COVID-19, and VNA's top four strategies for 2022, followed by questions and answers.

- Ms. Krause asked the Commissioners to consider taking their Council Member on a March for Meals, Meals on Wheels route.
- Need for food has continued to increase. VNA delivers food to approximately 4,500 people per day.
- Volunteerism is as strong as ever. Post-pandemic, VNA resumed delivering meals, five days a week.
- VNA volunteers deliver pet food to about 400 pets.
- VNA provides box fans, space heaters, and incontinent supplies.
- VNA has an Adopt a Senior Program for seniors who need extra support.
- Population of seniors in Dallas County over 65 years of age is predicted to increase to 670,000 by 2050.
- The three top issues facing VNA seniors: Inability to prepare meals; financial security; and public transportation.

City of Dallas Program Updates

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, provided an update on the home repair programs.

- Home Improvement and Preservation Program (HIPP) contractors completed six more homes in March and assessed 20 more properties.
- Housing Department received three proposals to administer the Minor Home Repair Program (MHRP).
- Seniors will apply directly to the nonprofits selected to administer the MHRP.
- The MHRP is intended for minor home repairs up to \$4,999.
- Update on the Tenth Street Historic District Targeted Rehab Program: Documents were submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission for Certificate of Appropriateness review.
- The American Rescue Plan, Recovery Neighborhood Revitalization Program will be launched in the Spring. This program will invest in infrastructure as well as home repairs.

James Ramirez, Caseworker II, provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program, contract partners, and a written report with year-to-date comparative data.

In January 2022, Senior Services received 104 unduplicated calls for information and referrals. The highest number of calls received in January 2022 were for financial assistance (91), home repairs (41), and housing (39).

- DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 14 new registrants; 241 registered users; 326 total one-way trips in January 2022
- Achieve Senior Employment Program: 58 seniors served; 58 seniors received job placement assistance in FY21-22 YTD.
- Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program: 79 unduplicated seniors served and 95 senior patient visits in January 2022
- The Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 156 assisted living and nursing home visits; 2149 residents visited; 93% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days in January 2022 year-to-date.

No Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 28, 2022: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

Adjournment

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Fred Welsh seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:

J. Peter Kline

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

Signature: *J. Peter Kline*
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