



SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

LOCATION: DALLAS CITY HALL, L1FN AUDITORIUM AND VIDEOCONFERENCE
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Feliz Jarvis, Vice Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) PRESIDING

PRESENT: [13]

*Carmen Arana, District 1/Commissioner	*Debbie Austin, District 8/Commissioner
Portia Cantrell, District 2/Commissioner	*Lisa Kelly, District 9/Commissioner
Verna Mitchell, District 3/Commissioner	Jeri Baker, District 10/Commissioner
Phyllis Lee, District 4/Commissioner	Renee L. Karp, District 11/Commissioner**
Feliz Jarvis, District 5/Commissioner	VACANT, District 12/Commissioner
*Marilyn Daniels, District 6/Commissioner	*Karen Roberts, District 14/Commissioner
Marian A. Williams, District 7/Commissioner	Mike Nurre, District 15/Commissioner

ABSENT: [1]

J. Peter Kline, District 13/Commissioner	
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**Note: Members of the Senior Affairs Commission participated in this meeting by video conference.*

***Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with a quorum of twelve of the Senior Affairs Commission members present. The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS", of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The Senior Affairs Commission provided "public speaker" opportunities. There were two public speakers: Ron Petitjean and Mark Jiminez spoke on behalf of the LGBTQIA+ community, shared their stories with the Commission, and advocated for an LGBTQIA+ senior center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 15, 2023)

The May 2023 Senior Affairs Commission meeting minutes: Commissioner Mike Nurre made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Verna Mitchell and unanimously approved.

SAC REPORTS

Vice Chair's Report

SAC Vice Chair, Feliz Jarvis reminded the Commissioners of the Texas Open Meetings Act or TOMA requirements for videoconference meetings, provided an update on the Senior Data Project, and talked about the special meeting proposed by SAC Chair Peter Kline.

The Senior Data Project report has been updated reflecting the 2021 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey data including new boundaries in each council district. Commissioner Jarvis asked the Commissioners to share the report with their City Council Members and others and to send her their thoughts about what they want to include in the special meeting.

Stephen McFayden, Assistant City Attorney and Parliamentarian, City Attorney's Office suggested that the SAC take a short recess following comments not on the agenda. Commissioner Jeri Baker moved to take a recess. Commissioner Portia Cantrell seconded the motion. The recess began at 12:21 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Commissioners Renee Karp (District 11), Verna Mitchell (District 3), Jeri Baker (District 10), Marian Williams (District 7), Phyllis Lee (District 4), Karen Roberts (District 14), and Debbie Austin (District 8) shared district news and activities.

STAFF REPORTS

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department Program Update

Reese Collins, Area Redevelopment Manager, City of Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization shared information on an air conditioning program for seniors and provided an update on the Senior Home Repair Program (SHRP) and contractor recruitment. The Housing Department staff is moving forward with first group of applicants. SHRP applications will be valid for a full year. Applicants will have two more chances to be selected during this time.

Senior Services Program & Contracts

James Ramirez, Caseworker II, provided an update on senior services program events and outreach for May and June 2023 and upcoming events for seniors in July 2023.

Jessica Galleshaw, OCC Director, provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program and contracts including summary of calls and an update on contract partners/seniors served. In May 2023, Senior Services received 196 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, 773 total number of communications; 1094 unduplicated clients; and participated in 46 outreach events in May 2023 YTD. Senior Services Program data was also provided for Unduplicated Referrals and Information Clients by District for Fiscal Year 2023 YTD.

The highest number of calls received in May 2023 were for financial assistance (89), home repair (48), and housing (43). Data on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Rides Rider Assistance Program (RAP), U&I Senior Employment Services, Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program, and the

Senior Ombudsman Program was presented for 2023 YTD. Data on seniors served by council district per month in third quarter of 2023 was also included in the senior services report.

SAC FUNDING PRIORITIES

Commissioner Jarvis presented the Final Approval Draft: City of Dallas SAC Recommended Funding Priorities Fiscal Years 2023-24 report prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Funding Priorities for approval and made a motion to review the minority opinion submitted by Commissioner Cantrell as an amendment to the SAC Funding Priorities Report. Commissioner Cantrell read the minority report titled, "Recommendation to Members of the Dallas City Council." Commissioner Jarvis made a motion to include the minority report as an addendum to the full report. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. A five-minute discussion preceded the vote. Commissioner Mitchell moved to include the minority statement in the final report. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. A vote was taken on whether or not to add the minority report as an addendum to the SAC Funding Priorities Report. Twelve Commissioners voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Baker declined to vote.

Commissioner Karp made a motion to approve the full report. Commissioner Nurre seconded the motion. Eleven Commissioners voted in favor of approving the SAC Funding Priorities Report including the minority report. The SAC Funding Priorities Report was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

After all the business of the Senior Affairs Commission had been considered, Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cantrell and unanimously accepted. The Senior Affairs Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

M. Lynn Jenkinson

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6/29/23

Date

Feliz Jarvis
Feliz Jarvis (Aug 21, 2023 21:03 CDT)

Approved by:
Feliz Jarvis, Vice Chair
Senior Affairs Commission

8/21/23

Date

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