



Senior Affairs Commission Report

Monday, March 25, 2019

Agenda

1. **Call to Order – 12:02pm**
2. **Roll Call (see attachment)**
3. **Approval of February 25, 2019 Minutes**
 - Commissioner Wick requested a comment be placed in the *Refining 2018 SAC Goals* section stating, “the Commission was in agreement to continue with these goals for the upcoming year”.
 - Chair Fein suggested amending the minutes to reflect the statement and put a voting item on next month’s agenda to approve the goals.
 - Commissioner Wick made a motion to approve the February 25th minutes with the amendments. Commissioner Benenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Office of Equity and Human Rights, Briefing and Possible Action on Age Discrimination and Policy**
Action: Consider Potential Policy Recommendation in Future Meetings
 - Beverly Davis, Office of Equity and Human Rights Director, presented on the equity framework within the City of Dallas and the possibility of adding age as a protected class.
 - There are currently two ordinances, Chapter 20A & Chapter 46, that center around the protected classes of race, color, national origin, religion, disabilities, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression.
 - Office of Equity and Human Rights staff met with the Senior Citizen Task Force to determine what other entities are doing and the changes that can be made within the City.
 - Governing laws are the state law, so anything that comes up has to be within the confines of what the state would allow.
 - Protections for consideration suggested by the Senior Citizen Task Force are the right to end a lease with 30 Day Notice with no penalty under certain circumstances & dislocation provision, adding the age population of 62 and older to the protected class in current Fair Housing Ordinance & develop nondiscrimination ordinance based on senior status.
 - All language will be reviewed by the City Attorney’s Office before going before the state legislature.
 - Commissioner Benenson suggested working with other governmental entities with the same need to carry the work further along.
5. **Voting Item: Age Friendly Dallas Plan**
 - In 2014, Mayor Rawlings signed on to participate as one of the network partners to ignite the Age-Friendly Program in Dallas.
 - There was no vote on money; just a vote to take information to each council member and encourage them that it is important.
 - This is a policy document that is a plan filled with a number of recommendations that can be used to prioritize what to put forward as an advisory commission.
 - There are domain leaders for each domain that would be responsible for making sure things are kept within core of that domain.
 - As liaison for the Age Friendly Community Project, Commissioner Wick suggests a plan to measure accomplishments, involvement, and success. She also suggests a plan on how to advocate.
 - Commissioner Wick recommended the two domains that deals with social isolation be taken up in the Social Needs Committee.
 - Chair Fein advises each subcommittee chair to see where they fit in the plan.
 - With 45 community partners in the aging network, there would be some financial responsibility from them to make this work.
 - Commissioner Cohen motioned to approve the adoption of the Age-Friendly Plan from an advocacy seat from the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC). Commissioner Gart seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - On April 15th at 11am the plan will be presented at the Human and Social Needs Committee.
 - Chair Fein thanked AARP for being leaders in our City on aging.
6. **Public Comment**
 - Jessica announced that Ana Camacho is now the full-time manager for Senior Affairs.

- Commissioner Benenson proclaimed the 1st budget hearing Council is conducting is May 1st. Jessica suggested a special called budget meeting to come up with the SAC's recommended budget for 2019-2020.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Sharyn Fein, Chair

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MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET
DALLAS CITY HALL, L1FN AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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
Sarah Wick, District 14

Guests Present

Susan Williams
Chandra Marshall-Henson

Committee Members Absent

Vacant, District 2

Staff Present

Anna Camacho
Myckycle Hart
Jessica Galleshaw
Lupe Rios
Lynn Jenkinson
Beverly Davis
Zena Palmer