



Senior Affairs Commission Minutes (Retreat)

Monday, January 28, 2019

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Assistant City Manager and Chief Resilience Officer, Nadia Chandler-Hardy, acknowledged how retreats are great for developing budget recommendations and listening sessions help inform Council.
- She encouraged the commissioners to think about the power of policy and how to incorporate seniors into transportation, housing, homelessness, employment and care for pets.
- As federal funding continues to shrink everyone needs to think about General Fund.
- Equity Toolkit being created to help prioritize the importance of things.

(Recess 9:51am-10:15am) A motion was made by Commissioner Arana to take a recess. Commissioner Baker seconded.

2. Report from City Council

- Council Member Narvaez leads the Senior Citizen Task Force which does not interfere with the Senior Affairs Commission's work.
- He agreed to bring a quarterly or semi-annual update on the programming the Senior Citizen Task Force is conducting outside of City Hall to the Senior Affairs Commission.
- There was discussion on bringing the different department senior liaisons before the commission and having a senior-youth conversation to help bridge the gap.

3. Review and Revision of 2017-18 SAC Goals

(Lunch Break 11:15am-12:15pm) A motion was made by Commissioner Arana to break for lunch. Commissioner McDaniel seconded.

4. Committee Review and Development

The commissioners reviewed the members, meeting dates and time, definition, short-term goals and 2018 fact findings for each committee.

- Social Needs Committee
- Transportation Committee
- Safety and Health Committee
- Housing Committee

(Recess 1:26pm-1:40pm)

- Budget Committee

5. Office of Senior Services Update

- Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw, provided an overview of the changes within the department.
- In the next month, a full-time manager will be hired and the department will strive to be fully staffed with the manager and three (3) case workers.
- Staff will begin budget kick-off on soon and would appreciate input from the Commission.
- Transportation program in the process of finding a community-based partner to provide support for the seniors. Paratransit component will still be provided by DART.
- They department has formed an inter-departmental team with representatives from departments within the City from departments that manage programming for seniors. The group has identified multiple opportunities to improve collaboration internally, including Hoarding response, event outreach.
- OCC staff focus on serving as a resource, providing application support, and helping seniors navigate City services and community programs.

6. Office of Senior Services Budget Update

- Lupe Rios, Program Administrator, provided an overview with supporting documentation of the senior services programs from April – December 2018.

7. Panel on Accessing Seniors

Below are the questions asked by Commissioner Gart to each panelist.

1. How do you identify your constituents, namely those over the age 55 and isolated?
2. What outreach efforts do you or your organization utilize to reach seniors and those living in insolation?
3. What other agencies or entities do your partner with?
4. Do you have a relationship with City of Dallas Office Health and Social Needs or Senior Services Division?
5. What suggestions do you have for collaborative efforts with Senior Affairs Commission and City of Dallas Senior Services to expand outreach of services and information to seniors, especially those currently not being served?

8. Wrap-Up

9. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Sharyn Fein, Chair

Senior Affairs Commission



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MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET
MEADOWS CONFERENCE CENTER, 2900 LIVE OAK
DALLAS, TX 75204
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Attendance Sheet

Committee Members Present

Sharyn Fein, Chair
Carmen Arana, District 1
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

Committee Members Absent

Vacant, District 2
John Johnson, District 3
Myrtis Evans, District 4
Vacant, District 14

Staff Present

Ana Camacho
Myckycle Hart
Jessica Galleshaw
Heather Silver
Lupe Rios
Zena Palmer
Nadia Chandler-Hardy
Heather Lowe
Keyania Campbell
Council Member Omar Narvaez

Guests Present

Barbara Barbee
Johnice Woods
Chandra Marshall-Henson
Susan Williams