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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

February 24, 2014 – 12:00 p.m. 2014 MAR 20 AM 10:59
 Dallas City Hall, 1500 Marilla, Room L1EN
 Dallas, TX 75201

CITY SECRETARY
 DALLAS, TEXAS

MINUTES**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trini Garza, Chair
 Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)
 Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)
 Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)
 John E. Roberts (Dist. 8)
 Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)
 Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)
 Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

GUESTS

Janice Thomas
 Jearldine McDaniel
 Marlene Cohen
 Jann Horswell
 Lynda Ender
 Enrique Chavez
 Sanara Garza

COD STAFF

Karen D. Rayzer
 Vicki Smith
 Lilia V. Gonzalez

MEMBERS ABSENT

John L. Johnson (Dist. 3)
 B. Jean Ball (Dist. 5)
 Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)
 Vickie Barcomb (Dist. 10)

VACANCIES

District 1 - Griggs
 District 9 – Kadane
 District 12 – Greyson

CALL TO ORDER

Trini Garza, Chair, called the meeting of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) to order at 12 noon. The meeting opened with a moment of silence by Lydia Simpson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 27, 2014 minutes of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting were approved.

PRESENTATION**AARP Age Friendly Communities Network - Susan Williams**

Susan Williams informed the SAC of the benefits of the AARP Age Friendly Communities Network. She mentioned that the city of Dallas could be a part of a global network of communities committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive, and safe lives.

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The SAC will be on board to assist with the implementation to having Dallas become an age friendly city.

Karen Rayzer suggested that the SAC members and Ms. Williams provide a presentation of the initiative to the Quality of Life Committee.

A copy of Ms. Williams's presentation was provided to the SAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Syl Benenson (Chair)

Syl Benenson informed the commission that town hall meetings will begin in March. She requested a meeting with Karen Rayzer to review and get input on last year's budget. Ms. Benenson requested a copy of the town hall meetings schedule when it becomes available.

Health Committee – Lydia Simpson (Chair)

Lydia Simpson informed the SAC that Age Well, Live Well Dallas (AWLW) has met twice in the past month. AWLW now has a Facebook and Twitter account, and a logo. She also informed the SAC that she attended the AWLW Kickoff in February and that it was a success.

Older Americans Month – No Chair

Vicki Smith informed the commission on the May Fair event scheduled for May 15th at Fair Park. She mentioned that there will be vendors, health screenings, dancing, free lunches, etc. The entrance, parking and lunch are at no charge.

She will keep the commission informed. Karen Rayzer suggested that a press conference will be needed.

Technology Committee - Vickie Barcomb, Chair (Absent)

No report

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Transportation Committee – Trini Garza, Chair

Trini Garza informed the SAC that the next Senior Affairs Commission meeting will be held at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. The SAC will tour the facility including the computer lab. He would like the commission to focus on the importance of computer by senior citizens. Sara Wick may become a member of the committee depending on meeting dates and times.

Mr. Garza along with Susan Williams will assist Enrique Chaves and Sanara Garza on an excessive speed issue from oncoming traffic at a senior center at the intersection of Singleton Blvd. and Peoria Street. The citizens are requesting a traffic light.

Victimization Committee - John Johnson, Chair

Vicki Smith reported that she is waiting for the Chief on the Beat event schedule for 2014. As soon as it is available, she will forward a copy to SAC members.

Communication Committee – Betty Hooey, Chair (Absent)

No Report

Housing Committee – Irwin Gart, Chair

Irwin Gart informed the commission that he will meet with his councilmember on February 25th to get more input and direction. He requested that the committee be a “standing” committee instead of an “ad hoc” committee. The commission voted unanimously to change to a standing committee. Syl Benenson requested to be on the Housing Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lynda Ender from The Senior Source will provide a van in July for the SAC to tour senior centers in surrounding cities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.