



# Senior Affairs Commission Report

Monday, February 25, 2019

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## Agenda

1. **Call to Order – 12:16pm**
2. **Roll Call (see attachment)**
3. **Approval of January 28, 2019 Minutes**
  - Commissioner Wick stated her appointment was not finalized so she would like her name to be removed from the absence list. Commissioner Arana made a motion to approve the January 28<sup>th</sup> minutes with the amendments. Commissioner Benenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of January 28, 2019 Retreat Minutes**
  - Commissioner Arana made a motion to approve the January 28<sup>th</sup> minutes with the amendments. Commissioner King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **The Salvation Army: Proposed Campus to Address Homelessness in Dallas**
  - Blake Fetterman, Executive Director of The Salvation Army DFW Metroplex Command, provided an overview of the organization's proposed campus. It specifically highlighted the impact it would have on people experiencing homelessness and the older adult population.
  - Salvation Army has been in the Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex for 130 years meeting the needs of the most vulnerable citizens by offering shelter, addiction treatment and anti-poverty programs.
  - Older adults and homeless seniors in Dallas are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. It currently represents 25% of the unsheltered homeless friends and neighbors.
  - Based off the 2018 Point-In-Time Homeless Count, a little over 300 older adult/seniors lived in places not meant for habitation or on the streets, the night of the count.
  - With this rise, there is a significant lack of affordable housing for older adult and senior populations.
  - Salvation Army is investing \$95 million to build a campus in north west Dallas to address homeless service issues.
  - Key focus areas are affordable housing for 55+ adults, veterans, behavioral healthcare, addiction treatment, daytime shelter, job training and regular overnight shelter.
  - The current Carr P. Collins Center located in the Medical District offers temporary shelter and support services for 600 people a night.
  - The organization wants to reinvest some of the resources that currently targets addiction treatment for those who are not homeless and put them towards homeless recovery beds for an increase of 30%.
  - The emergency and transitional housing will go up by 105 beds.
  - A 100 new units of supportive housing are being built for 55+ adults and veterans.
  - Beds alone are not what create the transformational impact, but they want to invest in permanent solutions that will end homelessness.
  - There is not a single mix of uses in zoning regulations outside of Downtown Dallas that allows the organization to do everything described. Anywhere in city would require a zoning change. The Salvation Army DFW's zoning hearing was Thursday, March 7th.
  - Proposed campus is located in the industrial region of Dallas off of I-35 and Regal Row, surrounded by single-story warehouses and low-rise offices, not near residential neighborhoods or schools.
  - After identified site, former board member is holding it in a trust while the zoning gets changed.
  - It is a 20-acre site created like a college campus for people to get transformational services they need to end homelessness. The single point-of-entry location will be gated and secured.
  - DART agreed to host a bus stop on the property to help mitigate any concerns about transportation.
  - Salvation Army also invested in 2 small, mid buses that will be used to transport the individuals throughout the city to places such as the Veteran Affairs (VA) Hospital and the library.
  - The organization coordinates with the City of Dallas, VA and CitySquare outreach teams for individuals to provide shelter.
  - The proposed campus will double the impact on ending homelessness each year.
  - Salvation Army has been engaging with the surrounding property owners for the last 2 years by sharing the project, soliciting feedback and incorporating any changes they can into the site plan.

## 6. Refining 2018 SAC Goals

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- Reviewing Old Goals
  - Subcommittee goals should be developed during subcommittee meetings.

Commissioner Wick commented on the following matters:

- Have a system in place for the commissioner to relay information back to their council member on what is going on in district regarding seniors.
- Strengthen the commission by building relationships with district constituents and leaders; become a face in your district.
- Wants the commission to become actively aware of senior services within city departments.
- There is a strong need for them to let other boards and commissions let them know what they do.
- Create partnerships with Dallas area agencies that provide services for older adults like AARP and Senior Source.
- Advocate for and participate in older adult programming and services.
  - C.C. Young Senior Living was taking applications for creative writing contest
- Develop a meaningful Senior Affairs Commission project
- Accomplishments for 2018
  - Successful retreat
  - Developed vision, mission and goals
  - Elder abuse seminars
  - MayFair
  - Programs from Parks & Rec. Department
  - Compassionate Care Center
  - Listening sessions
- Recommendations for 2019
  - Determine how the commission will continue to advocate for services as it relates to the older adult community
  - Keep the commissioners actively involved in their district
  - Keep the council updated on aging issues in our city
  - Keep the mayor informed on senior issues
  - Keep the commissioners working in a positive and impactful mindset
  - Bring a better understanding of the needs of middle-income older adults to city council

#### 7. Public Comment

- Park Board Senior Liaison, Barbara Barbee, mentioned the opening ceremony for the Dallas Senior Games being held on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-12pm at the Fair Park Embarcadero Building. If there are any additional questions, please follow up with City staff, Daryl Quarles, who is in charge of the programming.

#### 8. Adjournment

- Commissioner Raines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Arana seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Sharyn Fein, Chair

Senior Affairs Commission



SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
 MINUTES ATTENDANCE SHEET  
 DALLAS CITY HALL, L1FN AUDITORIUM  
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019  
 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

**Attendance Sheet**

**Committee Members Present**

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  
 Jeri Baker, District 10  
 Marlene Cohen, District 12  
 Syl Benenson, District 13  
 Sarah Wick, District 14

**Guests Present**

Barbara Barbee  
 Blake Fetterman

**Committee Members Absent**

Sharyn Fein, Chair  
 Vacant, District 2  
 Mary Sparks, District 9  
 Bill Gart, District 11

**Staff Present**

Anna Camacho  
 Myckycle Hart  
 Jessica Galleshaw  
 Barbara Martinez  
 Lupe Rios  
 Lynn Jenkinson  
 Zenae Palmer