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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Monday, March 16, 2015 12:00 p.m.  
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, Rm. L1EN

CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS**MINUTES****MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Johnson, (Dist. 3) Co-Chair  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)  
Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)  
Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)  
Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)  
Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

**GUESTS**

Jann Horswell  
Janice Thomas  
Susan Williams  
Gene Popik  
Katrina Wall  
Montreves Wesley  
Jimmy Soup  
Madelyn Brinkley

Jearldine McDaniel  
Chief Norman Seals

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Trini Garza, Chair  
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)  
Philip Shinoda (Dist. 8)

**COD STAFF**

Valencia Alexander  
Lilia Gonzales

**VACANCIES**

District 1  
District 5  
District 10

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Johnson, co-chair, Dist. 3, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. in the absence of Mr. Garza. The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After reading the minutes from the February 9, 2015 Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), two corrections were made: Ms. Simpson stated that Robin Teig was co-chair for Age Well Live Well, (there are three). Mr. Gart stated that Mr. Kleinman shared maps of where seniors live only. He had another source for contractors. After discussion of the SAC Goals and with the above corrections and/or additions, Ms. Simpson moved the minutes be accepted and Ms. Cohen seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the members present.



## **DISCUSSION OF SAC SHORT & LONG TERM GOALS**

Spokesperson for this committee, Ms. Wick reviewed the attached short and long term goals identified by the committee members. The members discussed that the City Manager's goals and objectives should align with the SAC goals. The members agreed to move the first Long Term Goal to the fourth short term goal and maintain 2 long term goals. Mr. Gart made a motion to accept the goals as written with the adjustments and the ability to use them as a foundation for the SAC. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schaar. Members present approved the report and agreed to begin implementing the concepts.

## **PRESENTATION**

The scheduled presenter, Karen Riley, Neighborhood Plus, did not make scheduled presentation. In lieu of her absence, Gene Popk, G & G Medical, presented to the SAC members, special guest Chief Seals, Dallas Fire & Rescue, and citizens, on his "app" for medical emergencies. This device has been explored and discussed by the Victimization Committee as a possible project for the SAC. Chief Seals stated the product seems good, but the EMS/DFD staff do not carry City of Dallas issued smart phones, they do not have general Internet abilities and would probably not use the "app". He suggested the City attorney review the product and any agreements made between the SAC and the company as well as the Ethics Committee to ensure there was no financial gain for City.

In conclusion, Mr. Johnson stated the Victimization Committee would revisit this project and make sure there were "no conflicts of interest". The goal is to promote health and safety for all seniors and the best way may be to encourage all levels of recording health information: Vial of Life, G & G Medical, list of medical information in wallet or posted in home, etc.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Budget Committee – Syl Benenson**

The Budget committee will be meeting immediately after the SAC meeting. They will be reviewing the Transportation and Home repair budgets.

### **Health Committee – Lydia Simpson**

Ms. Simpson reported Age Well Live Well Coalition met Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Senior Source. Their meeting was longer than usual to allow time to



work on their goals for 2015. They have agreed the target age would begin at age 55 and older. They are working on their website but have no money. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Source. This coalition serves as the Health Committee for the SAC. A copy of their meeting notes was provided and attached to the minutes.

### **Housing Committee – Bill Gart**

Mr. Gart announced that Ms. Wick was nominated and won D Magazine's nurse of the year. He read the article that was written to the group. **Great accomplishment for Ms. Wick.** Mr. Gart discussed the Emergency Home Repair financial report (attached). The Housing Committee would be meeting Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall 6BN conference.

### **Victimization Committee – John Johnson**

In addition to the Emergency response presentation, Susan Williams reported there would be a Scam jam, April 28 at the White Rock Hills Library from 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson shared information on the upcoming election for Council seats, and he shared AARP's recent scams report.

Mrs. Alexander reminded members of the Senior Health & Safety Breakfast at El Rachito's on Jefferson March 20, 2015 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The event is free and open to the first 180 registrants. Dr. Elba Garcia, Southwest Police Department and AARP will be presenting. Sponsorships are needed for the event. Information was provided to the Commissioners regarding the event.

The next regular meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, L1EN.

### **AD-HOC COMMITTEES:**

#### **Communications/Technology- Betty Hooey**

Ms. Hooey shared the March issue of the Seniorfitic newspaper.

#### **Older American Month Committee- Marlene Cohen**

Ms. Cohen reported the sponsorship are coming along for MayFair 2015 and we are now soliciting vendors, table sponsors and sponsors. A packet was available with all forms and letters for the SAC members to use. Ms. Cohen encouraged each member to do the "ask" for the businesses they frequent. The cost of the lunch is approximately \$40 per person.

**Transportation Committee- Trini Garza**

MyRide coalition will be meeting Tuesday, March 17th at the Center for Community Cooperation.

**Age-Friendly Communities-**

Ms. Williams and Ms. Alexander reported the project is on target for it's goals. We had a stake holders meeting (Mr. Gart and Ms. Wick represented the SAC), which was very well attended and presented good feedback. We have held another Coffee and Conversation at Dickinson Place, which provided excellent feedback from residents on how to improve their community. The next event will most likely be in East Dallas at Juliette Fowler or CC Young. Ms. Alexander will make sure SAC members are aware. Ms. Williams will be at the Health & Safety Breakfast for more "listening post" ideas and concerns as well as speaking on Age Friendly Communities.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Thomas led a discussion on volunteerism and SAC activities. She commented on the Coffee & Conversation held at her facility and was appreciative of the event. She expressed her desire to volunteer more with senior activities and SAC initiatives.

**SENIOR SERVICES REPORT**

Mrs. Alexander invited SAC members to participate in up-coming activities: Health and Safety Breakfast (March 20<sup>th</sup>), Senior Housing 101 (April 17<sup>th</sup>) and MayFair (May 22, 2015). She reported approximately 800 citizens received outreach efforts through the Senior Services staff, 600 were seniors only. The new staff person will begin April 1, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

*John Johnson*  
*April 20, 2015*