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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Monday, April 21, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall – 1500 Marilla, 6BN  
Dallas, TX 75201

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CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trini Garza, Chair  
Marty Alvarado (Dist. 1)  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
John L. Johnson (Dist. 3)  
Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)  
B. Jean Ball (Dist. 5)  
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)  
Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)  
John E. Roberts (Dist. 8)  
Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)  
Vickie Barcomb (Dist. 10)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)  
Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

**GUESTS**

Lourdes Vazquez  
Jearldine McDaniel

**COD STAFF**

Vicki Smith  
Lilia V. Gonzalez

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)

**VACANCIES**

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trini Garza, called the meeting of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) to order at 12:00. The meeting opened with a moment of silence by Mrs. Dorothy Willis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The March 17, 2014 minutes of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting were unanimously approved.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

New Commission appointee, Julie Schaar (District 9), was introduced to all members.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Budget Committee – Syl Benenson (Chair)

Syl Benenson reported a change to the SAC's recommended budget report. There will be 4 senior centers requested instead of 2.

### Health Committee – Lydia Simpson (Chair – AWLV-Dallas)

Lydia Simpson read the vision and mission statement for AWLV – Dallas. Ms. Simpson also mentioned the hoarding conference scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Older Americans Month – No Chair

Vicki Smith updated SAC members on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Older Americans Information and Health Fair that will be held on May 15 at the Centennial Centennial Building at Fair Park. The Senior Services Program is partnering with DART to present the event.

### Technology Committee - Vickie Barcomb, Chair

Vickie Barcomb suggested that SAC members take computer classes.

### Transportation Committee – Trini Garza, Chair

Trini Gaza attended the Community Transportation Network meeting at Center for Community Cooperation. The next meeting is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Garza met with Councilwoman Monica Alonzo to discuss the need for a signal light on Singleton Blvd. and Peoria Street. Future street expansion plans include a signal light on Singleton Blvd. and Weisenburger Dr., a block from Peoria.

He also attended the DADD Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Garza provided handouts on future events and meetings.

### Victimization Committee - John Johnson, Chair

John Johnson informed the SAC of the training seminar scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional information on the seminar was included in their packet. Vicki Smith will attend the seminar with him.

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No Report

**Housing Committee – Irwin Gart**

Vicki Smith gave Mr. Irwin Gart's report, and short term and long term strategies.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Lourdes Vazquez from *Al Dia Newspaper* discussed taxes and liens on homes. Mr. Garza said that he would like for someone from the Dallas County Tax Office to attend a future SAC meeting.

**PRESENTATION**

The Commission viewed "What Every City Official Needs to Know About the Dallas Code of Ethics".

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.