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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Monday, May 18, 2015 12:00 p.m.
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, Rm. L1EN

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MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trini Garza, Chair
John Johnson, (Dist. 3) Co- Chair
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)
Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)
Manuelita Tafalla (Dist. 5)
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)
Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)
Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)
Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)
Sara Wick (Dist.14)

GUESTS

Jearldine McDaniel
Carmen Arana
Carlos Romero
Cannon Flower
Lynda Ender, The Senior Source

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irwin Gart (Dist. 11)

COD STAFF

Valencia Alexander
Lilia Gonzalez
Myckycle Hart

VACANCIES

District 1
District 8
District 10

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Trini Garza, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 20, 2015 SAC meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made: Ms. Simpson indicated that she attended the 2015 Caroline P. Horchow Women's Health Symposium at UTSW, which provided information a variety of health issues. She only highlighted the stroke information for the SAC. She also stated that Mr. Shackelford's name is James *not* David. With the above mentioned corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Cohen. The meeting notes were approved unanimously by the Commissioners present.

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PRESENTATION

Richard "Mike" Knapp, manager, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), provided an overview of what his department does and how the SAC members can obtain various maps and information pertaining to City of Dallas services and citizens. He referred the members to an on-line map service: Google maps under GEP.google free. He suggested the members decide what information they wanted and as a group request a map. This way each member would be getting similar information but specific to their district and possibly the cost would not be a great. The cost of the maps is under each specific district or council person.

SAC GOAL ACHIEVEMENT:

Ms. Wick reported on her meeting with the Library Board member from District 14. She was accompanied by Mr. Gart as they met in his district. They identified the possible need for computers for senior use. There are no specific programs for seniors at this time. There is room for improvement to have a "senior" tab for activities specific to older residents on their website. Ms. Wick also stated that the City of Dallas website could do more to help find senior activities as well. Senior services need more visibility. She also suggested that the senior newsletter include all the SAC member photo and profile.

Ms. Simpson reported that she met with her Park & Recreation Board member to discuss Senior Olympics. She had information from the website with a contact for the Senior Games.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Syl Benenson

Ms. Benenson reported on the Budget Committee meeting held April 30, 2015 at City Hall 6BN with Karen Rayzer and Valencia Alexander. The Budget Committee plans to support Park and Recreation's request for a Manager and two staff to help with Senior Programming. They will request that Senior Services budget remain the same and include another Caseworker. A need was identified to help low income seniors with tree and lawn services, this will probably be through Minor Home Repair Program or possibly Emergency Home Repair. The committee will determine which one at the meeting later today. There is also a request for a staff person for the Emergency Home Repair Program. The next meeting will be today following the SAC meeting.

**Health Committee – Lydia Simpson, Co-Chair Age Well Live Well Coalition**

Ms. Simpson stated her committee will be meeting Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Source.

Housing Committee – Bill Gart

Mr. Gart was absent; there was no meeting in May. Ms. Alexander reported that the SAC members have been invited to a Fair Housing meeting with their consultant on “Analyzing the Impediments to Fair Housing” to be held the first week in June. The next Housing meeting will be the second Tuesday in June, 6BN, City Hall.

Victimization Committee – John Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported there will be a DPD Health & Safety June 30th at Harry Stone Recreation Center. We continue to have DPD Chief on the Beat and AARP Scam Jam’s monthly. Mr. Popik gave an up-date on his product and the committee has identified other vendors with similar products. The next regular meeting will be May 15th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, L1EN.

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:**Age-Friendly Communities – Susan Williams**

Ms. Wick stated she has not done anything new with Age Friendly Communities.

Communications/Technology- Betty Hooey

Ms. Hooey shared the May issue of the Seniorific newspaper. Ms. Alexander mentioned that MayFair was featured in three senior news publications: Seniorific News, Celebration and Senior Voice. Celebration Magazine has been most beneficial to MayFair!

Older American’s Month Committee- Marlene Cohen

Ms. Cohen reported MayFair 2015 is well underway, we have over 60 sponsors and exhibitors. PayPal has been a good resources for on-line payments of over \$5,000. We are close to raising over \$50,000. We have three honorees: Jerome and Hazel Byers, Trini Garza, and Caroline Hunt. Every Commissioner is encouraged to attend as there will be a Senior Affairs Commission table. The website is also available at: www.dallassenioraffairs.wordpress.com.

**Transportation Committee - Trini Garza**

The next MyRide meeting is Thursday, May 21st at 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Carlos Romero, disabled Olympic Winner, discussed the need to have "Senior Games" in Dallas. He has had to go into other cities to compete in order to participate in State and National competitions. The last Senior Game in Dallas was in 2009. He feels Park & Recreation should re-institute this competition for the benefit of Dallas citizens.

Lynda Ender, AGE Director, Senior Source, presented a questionnaire regarding senior centers. She discussed the need for a designated senior center while maintaining the current centers with increased senior programming. The questionnaires will be compiled and shared with Park & Recreation Board as well as Councilmembers. This will be a long range project but the information gathered will validate the need for the center.

Ms. Carmen Arana, Manager of Notre Dame Court & Place, gave an overview of her senior living community. They accept persons 62 and older in the Place and younger person 52 and older in the Court. This is a low to moderate income housing property.

SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Mrs. Alexander reported that 1586 seniors were reached this month. This included 76 unduplicated client contacts, 1510 in outreach activities. The staff was involved in National Housing Month with three activities: Legacy Housing Seminar, Affordable Housing Resources 101; Senior Services Program Navigating Housing Services 101 and Fair Housing Symposium. Lilia Gonzalez, Hispanic Outreach worker completed 4 outreach events in the community. The staff attended Chief on the Beat, City of Dallas Code Compliance Senior Outreach event at City Hall and Jubilee Park Health and Wellness Fair. This was in addition to the planning and coordination of MayFair. Ms. Alexander wanted to commend the staff for their hard work this month!

ADJOURNMENT



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Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. It was seconded by Ms. Simpson.