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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Monday, May 19, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall – 1500 Marilla, L1EN  
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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)  
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**

Janice Thomas  
Jearldine McDaniel  
Kris Gillett  
Susan Williams  
Frances Rizo

**COD STAFF**

Karen Rayzer  
Vicki Smith  
Lilia V. Gonzalez

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**VACANCIES**

District 5 (Callahan)

**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 Felix Lozada.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The April 21, 2014 minutes of the SAC meeting were unanimously approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget Committee – Syl Benenson (Chair)**

Syl Benenson requested that all SAC members meet with their council member to discuss the 2014-15 SAC recommended budget. A motion was made to approve the budget and it passed unanimously. The Budget Committee will meet on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the 6BN conference room.

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**Health Committee – Lydia Simpson (Chair – AWLW-Dallas)**

Lydia Simpson informed the commission that Age Well, Live Well Dallas (AWLW Dallas) participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Americans Month Information and Health Fair on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Centennial Building in Fair Park. Ms. Simpson also informed the SAC that AWLW Dallas is planning a senior walk/run in September. It will be geared toward seniors and their families. She also reminded the SAC that the Annual Southwest Conference on Hoarding is scheduled for Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Texas Health Resources University (Campus of Presbyterian Hospital Dallas) from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Older Americans Month – No Chair**

Vicki Smith informed the SAC that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Older Americans Information and Health Fair had an attendance of approximately 1,000 seniors. The event was a success.

**Technology Committee - Vickie Barcomb, Chair**

No Report.

**Transportation Committee – Trini Garza, Chair**

No Report.

**Victimization Committee - John Johnson, Chair**

John Johnson informed the SAC that he attended training on elder abuse at Bill Priest Center and it was well attended. Mr. Johnson also informed the SAC that 2014 "Chief on the Beat" Crime Prevention Safety & Health Fair will be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Samuel Grand Recreation Center. He reported that Dallas Police Department is hosting a Safety & Wellness Fair in June at Highland Park Cafeteria. Officer Smith from Dallas Police Department is in the beginning stages of planning the event. Details on the event will be forwarded to SAC as they become available.

**Communications Committee – Betty Hooey, Chair**

Betty Hooey asked to resign as Communications chair, however Trini Garza requested that she remain as chair until they had a chance to discuss it further. Vickie Barcomb said she would help Mrs. Hooey with the Communications Committee if she will remain as chair. There was discussion about combining the

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Communications and Technology committees. That is to be determined. Ms. Hoey informed the SAC that she will be interviewed by *The Senior Voice*. They are interested in getting more information on the duties and responsibilities of SAC.

**Housing Committee – Irwin (Bill) Gart**

Irwin Gart informed the SAC of his concern for seniors once funds from home repair programs are spent. Mr. Gart met with three senior centers (Fretz Recreation Center, The Jewish Community Center, and Churchill Recreation Center) in the north Dallas area and discussed combining efforts and planning informational fairs. He also informed the SAC that he is attempting to have tree service companies to volunteer their services for seniors. He has been successful in confirming companies who will volunteer to assist with painting, carport repairs, roofing, gutters, and window replacement.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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