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**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Monday, September 15, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.  
Churchill Recreation Center, Dallas, TX

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CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trini Garza, Chair  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
John L. Johnson (Dist. 3)  
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)  
Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)  
John E. Roberts (Dist. 8)  
Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)  
Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)

**GUESTS**

Susan Williams  
Jann Horsewell  
Jearldine McDaniel  
Anna Azpurua  
Lynda Ender

**COD STAFF**

Valencia Alexander  
Vicki Smith

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)  
Sara Wick (Dist. 14)  
Marty Alvarado (Dist. 1)  
Vickie Barcomb (Dist. 10)

**VACANCIES**

District 5  
District 8

**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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The August 18, 2014 minutes of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting were unanimously approved.

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### **PRESENTATION – Predatory Lending**

Vicki Smith provided a hard copy presentation designed for PowerPoint about predatory lending. It will be presented to seniors in the community in FY 14/15.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Ms. Benenson reported on the items that were approved and denied on the SAC's recommended FY 14/15 budget. The new budget becomes effective on October 1.

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

Lydia Simpson reported that AWLW Dallas will have its kickoff, 'Anyway, Any K', at C.C. Young (The Point) on October 17, 2014. Ms. Simpson read the proclamation from the Mayor's office. CM Monica Alonzo will read the proclamation at the event. There are 2 confirmed speakers, and over 40 organizations are involved and participating in the planning of the event. Lydia requested that all SAC members attend, and to ask their council member to attend.

Valencia Alexander reported that she attended the Hunger Summit at Mountain View College. There were approximately 800 people in attendance.

Marlene Cohen is on the Dallas Hunger Coalition.

#### **Housing Committee – Bill Gart**

There was a Housing Committee meeting held on September 17. Mr. Gart and Valencia Alexander reviewed the Affordable Housing Resources 101 Workshop that they attended.

Vicki Smith prepared a draft of City of Dallas Home Repair Reference Sheet. There will be additional information added to the draft.

There was discussion about holding housing community forums.

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**Victimization Committee – John Johnson**

Mr. Johnson reported that a Victimization Committee meeting was held just prior to the SAC meeting. Discussion included National Night Out, Chief on the Beat events, and a future Scam Jam.

**Transportation Committee – Trini Garza**

On September 11th Mr. Garza attended the Community Transportation Network (CTN) meeting. There was discussion about My Ride Dallas, Veterans' transportation, and Community Living Initiative (VTELI). There were nine transportation exhibitors.

CTN future meetings will be held on the following dates: Thursday, November 6, 2014 and Thursday, January 8, 2015.

**SENIOR SERVICES REPORT**

Valencia Alexander discussed plans for the Older Americans Month event, MayFair 2015 that will be held at the Dallas Hyatt Regency Hotel. The plan includes:

- A sit down lunch, big band, daytime ball (will have a DJ for intermissions)
- Reduced ticket price for seniors (\$10)
- Find a major sponsor (\$10-20k)/ SAC to help getting sponsorships
- Recruit past MayFair chairs to assist
- Friends will keep money in a custodial account

A motion was made that the SAC is in agreement with, and committed to having an Older Americans Month event, MayFair 2015, in May 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other discussion included an all-day retreat for SAC members and staff, Senior Day at the Capitol on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and that SAC recommendations should be consistent with what AGE is working on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.