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## SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Monday, October 19, 2015 12:00 p.m.  
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, Rm. L1EN

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Trini Garza, Chair  
Carmen Arana, (Dist. 1)  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
John Johnson, Co-Chair (Dist. 3)  
Johnny Rodriguez (Dist. 5)  
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)  
Cannon Flowers (Dist. 7)  
Mary Sparks (Dist. 9)  
Armand Christopher (Dist. 10)  
Irwin "Bill" Gart, (Dist. 11)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

#### GUESTS

Gene Popik  
Barbara Record  
Janet Thomas  
Chiyoko Douglas  
Jeri Baker

#### VACANCIES

District 4  
District 8

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Syl Benenson (Dist. 13)

#### COD STAFF

Valencia Hooper-Alexander  
Myckycle Hart

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Trini Garza, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. He introduced the new Commissioners: Armand Christopher, Cannon Flowers, Johnny Rodriguez and Mary Sparks.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 21, 2015 SAC meeting were reviewed. Ms. Simpson stated that the attachments were not emailed with the minutes. Ms. Cohen made a correction to the guests listed – Mr. Cannon was listed twice and Ms. Davis was omitted. Mrs. Alexander stated she would email the attachments with the October minutes to members. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the corrections and forthcoming attachments. It was seconded and the meeting notes were approved unanimously by the Commissioners present.



### **2015 SAC Planning Session**

**Commissioner Sara Wick** –Ms. Wick provided an up-date on the 2015 Retreat for SAC members. Her report is attached. She made a motion to hold the Retreat at the AARP-Dallas office (Walnut Hill & I-75). It was seconded and there was discussion. Upon voting, the motion failed (3 for; 4 opposed, 3 abstained). The retreat will be held at City Hall in L1EN from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. There was discussion to move the meeting to 10:00 a.m. due to traffic. Ms. Wick shared the agenda and events for the day. She requested staff to have flip chart and/or dry erase boards available.

### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**District 1** –Ms. Arana provided all commissioners with maps of their district and information on the Community Dental Program.

**District 2-** Ms. Simpson reported on the launch of the Senior Social Club at Reverchon Park on 10/8/15 was a success.

**District 3-** Mr. Johnson provided information on the National Night Out event held in his neighborhood.

**District 5** – Mr. Garza introduced Mr. Johnny Rodriguez, as newly appointed.

**District 9-**Mrs. Sparks has been very active, her report is attached.

**District 10-** Mr. Christopher reported on attending the Hunger Summit (October 2).

**District 11-**Mr. Gart encouraged SAC members to attend the Jewish Community Center's Senior Expo, Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

**District 12-** Ms. Cohen reported on the Senior Hunger event she attended on 10/2/15, she was part of the planning committee.

**District 14-** Ms. Wick reported on her attendance at the National Night Out with Councilman Kingston and other appointees. Her report is attached.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget Committee – Syl Benenson** (*on sick leave*)

Mrs. Alexander stated a copy of the City of Dallas 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant budget is in the Orientation handbook to be given later.

**Health Committee – Lydia Simpson, co-chair Age Well Live Well Coalition**



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Refer to her written report, she also shared an article stating that “germs” may be the cause of altered mental status in older adults.

**Housing Committee – Bill Gart**

Meeting has been moved to City Hall 6BN Conference room for October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

**Senior Safety Awareness Committee – John Johnson**

Mr. Johnson shared with members “Steps to Protect” door hanger and plans to distribute. The SSAC will not meet due to the Retreat next month.

**AD-HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Age-Friendly Communities – Sara Wick – no report**

**Communications/Technology- Cannon Flowers**

See attached report. Mr. Cannon requested other SAC members to join him. He is planning to increase communication efforts for seniors in all areas.

**Older American Month Committee- Marlene Cohen**

Budget has been reviewed, but there are still questions from the account with Friends. Basically, the event broke even and we have a small reserve.

**Transportation Committee - Trini Garza**

Mr. Garza reported on the PACT meeting he attended at DART. Copy of report attached.

**SENIOR SERVICES REPORT**

Mrs. Alexander tabled Program report for the Orientation to save time.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Thomas asked questions about the retreat and if it would be open to citizens. All meetings of the SAC are open to the public, according to Mrs. Alexander and the Open Records Act.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. to continue with SAC Orientation.

*Approved by:*

*Dann Garza*

*11-30-15*