



SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING

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Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) PRESIDING

PRESENT: [12]

*Carmen Arana, District 1/Commissioner	*Renee L. Karp, District 11/Commissioner
*Portia Cantrell, District 2/Commissioner	Beth Mond, District 12/Commissioner
VACANT, District 4	J. Peter Kline, District 13/Commissioner
Feliz Jarvis, District 5/Commissioner	Karen Roberts, District 14/Commissioner
*Marilyn Daniels, District 6/Commissioner	Fred Welsh, District 15/Commissioner
*Marian A. Williams, District 7/Commissioner	
*Beverly White, District 9/Commissioner	
*Jeri Baker, District 10/Commissioner	

ABSENT: [2]

Verna Mitchell, District 3/Commissioner	
***Debbie Austin, District 8/Commissioner	

*Note: Members of the Senior Affairs Commission participated in this meeting by video conference.

**Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened

***Note: Commissioner Debbie Austin was initially counted as absent due to WebEx technical difficulties. But, upon review, video evidence can't confirm she was 50% absent.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. with a quorum of twelve of the Senior Affairs Commissioners were present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS", of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The Senior Affairs Commission provided "public speaker" opportunities. There were no public speakers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 2022 Senior Affairs Commission meeting minutes: Commissioner Karen Roberts moved to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Feliz Jarvis and unanimously adopted. Commissioners Verna Mitchell and Debbie Austin were absent when the vote was taken.

MEETING ACTIONS

SAC Chair, Peter Kline introduced two new Senior Affairs Commissioners, Renee L Karp, representing District 11, and Beth Mond, representing District 12.

SAC Chair, Peter Kline reminded the Commissioners of the TOMA requirements regarding commissioners' virtual attendance/absences. OCC Director Galleshaw clarified that Commissioners must be virtually visible more than 50% of the time if not attending in person to be counted as present for any SAC meeting. Chair Kline reminded Commissioners that missing more than three meetings within any consecutive 12-month period would require removal from serving on the Commission. Notification of absences will be sent to commissioners accordingly. Commissioners were also encouraged to attend SAC meetings in person. Clarification on the remaining fiscal year SAC meeting dates were discussed and everyone was in agreement of those dates.

SAC Chair Kline provided an update on the senior data model project and was discussed. Chair Kline stated that much progress has been made in gathering senior demographic data, however, there are some inconsistencies that need to be cleaned up. The City of Dallas data analytics staff is working on making it more consistent regarding some of the confusion on the data. As an example, Chair Kline pointed to some data gathering is reflecting seniors aged 60 and older and some data gathering has been reflecting seniors aged 65 and older. Census data for year 2020 has just been released and will also be incorporated as part of the data gathering project. Per Chair Kline, currently the data gathering is a "work-in-progress." The "work-in-progress" link has been shared with all commissioners and everyone has been encouraged to sign-in with the link they were provided and to navigate and explore the site according to their respective district/s. Chair Kline stated that Andy Davis, who is part of the City's analytics staff, is available to assist commissioners with the navigation of the data. Another training session will be announced in the future to assist commissioners with more guidance on navigating the site and accessing the data.

Commissioner District Updates

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An update on the City of Dallas Home Repairs (HIPP) application process and meeting sites was discussed. The meeting was held at the Pleasant Grove Library; the City of Dallas had a Q & A for residents present at the meeting. City representatives did a great job at responding to the questions asked by residents. The City Councilman for this district is doing a good job of creating a newsletter for its residents to introduce the new commissioner and contacts within other departments within the city to ultimately assist in coordination of efforts for seniors.

Commissioner Karen Roberts of District 14 & District 2 attended a neighborhood meeting where there was discussion of the HIPP program. She stated that senior residents in this district need a variety of resources. Ana Camacho, Senior Services Supervisor, encouraged commissioners to have senior residents they communicate with to call the senior services phone line 214-670-5227 for a proper phone assessment of the seniors' needs. As another option, Commissioners were also encouraged to directly email Ana Camacho regarding seniors they communicate with needing assistance with referrals to resources.

District 10 Commissioner Jeri Baker stated that it is very important to attend City budget meetings to understand the process and timeline and to be able to advocate for resources for their respective districts. She stated that this year, the budget meetings were held in the early part of the year which benefits residents in providing input early on in the process.

District 5 Commissioner Feliz Jarvis asked a question regarding the AARP August 11th meeting attendance. Mr. Hart, from the Senior Services Program, stated that 159 seniors attended this event.

District 2 Commissioner Portia Cantrell shared a power-point presentation regarding the LGBTQ community of seniors. In her presentation, she stated that the LGBTQ senior community is very much in need of resources, as this community is often isolated and overlooked. Office of Community Care Director, Jessica Galleshaw, stated that the City's marketing dept. could be utilized to market resources to vulnerable specific/demographic populations. Director Galleshaw also stated that the City's "Racial Equity" plan is moving toward its adoption in assisting its vulnerable populations.

SAC Chair, Mr. Kline, reminded commissioners that the Commission report is open to corrections, updates, and concerns. Commissioner Cantrell stated that the information in the report is geared to seniors in "general." Commissioner Roberts stated the importance of advocating for seniors regarding sanitation and drainage fees, as these associated fees impact low-income seniors on fixed incomes.

Chair Kline stated that no one person can be responsible for communicating to City seniors and therefore, it is viable for all to communicate to seniors what resources are available to them.

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Senior Services Update

Ana Camacho updated the SAC on monthly data for the months of June and July 2022. Staff participated in both virtual and in person outreach throughout the City. A summary of calls from seniors was presented on housing, home repairs, financial assistance, and transportation for seniors. The DART Rider Assistance Program ridership data was also presented. The Achieve Senior Employment Program data was shared along with the Dental Program data for seniors served for the months of June and July 2022. Finally, the Senior Ombudsman Program data was also shared with the commissioners.

MEETING ACTIONS

The following item was presented for consideration. The meeting room at City Hall is not available for the previously scheduled November 14th, 2022 SAC meeting. A vote was taken for an alternate date to have the next SAC meeting. The following alternative dates in November 2022 were discussed: 7th, 21st, or the 28th. All commissioners agreed to have the next SAC meeting on November the 21st, 2022. Feliz Jarvis moved to adopt the item. The motion was seconded by Karen Roberts and unanimously adopted.

The following item was presented for consideration. Approval of the 2023 Senior Affairs Commission Meeting Schedule was discussed. Due to some of the commissioners stating that they had not received the tentative 2023 schedule, this item was “tabled” until the next SAC meeting on September 19, 2022.

The following item was presented for consideration. An ad-hoc committee consisting of Chair Kline and Commissioners Bill Gart, Feliz Jarvis, and Karen Roberts was created in order to draft a Recommendation of Funding Priorities report to share with the Mayor, the Dallas City Council, and the City Manager’s office. This report was shared for review with the commissioners as part of the meeting materials prior to this meeting. The approval for Recommendation of Funding Priorities to the City Council was discussed. Also, regarding this item, editorial comments for the Funding Priorities report included a typo that was corrected. A motion to approve the correction was made by Commissioner Fred Welsh and was seconded by Commissioner Karen Roberts. [All commissioners present at this meeting voted in favor of approval for adopting Funding Priorities, except for Commissioner Portia Cantrell, who objected because the report did not specifically recommend separate funding for LGBTQIA+ programming. The vote was 12 in favor and 1 opposed.](#) The approved report will be sent to the Mayor, the Council, and the City Manager’s office as a formal report.

ADJOURNMENT

After all the business of the Senior Affairs Commission had been considered, Commissioner Karen Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carmen Arana and unanimously accepted. The Senior Affairs Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

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September 7, 2022
Date

J. Peter Kline

Approved by:
Peter Kline, Chair
Senior Affairs Commission

Nov 1, 2022
Date

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