



**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
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MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 28, 2022

Convened: 12:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:29 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
VACANT (Dist. 2)
VACANT (Dist. 4)
Feliz Jarvis (Dist. 5)
Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)
Marian Williams (Dist. 7)
Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)
Beverly White (Dist. 9)
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)
VACANT (Dist. 12)
J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)
Fred Welsh (Dist. 15)

Committee Members Absent:

Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3)
Karen Roberts (Dist. 14)

Guests:

Donna Alexander
Erica Lester

City of Dallas Staff Present:

Kelsey Ciluffo, City Attorney
Thor Erickson, Manager
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker
Maria Manzanares, Specialist
Kristine Nguyen, City Attorney
James Ramirez, Caseworker
Lupe Rios, Administrator

Call to Order

Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), called the monthly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

No Public Comments

Approval of February 28, 2022 Minutes

Beverly White made a motion to approve the February 2022 minutes. Jeri Baker seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Chair Report

Chair Kline provided a brief update on the status of the senior data collection and data analytics project. The data collection team is currently working on gathering census data. The goal of the Office of Analytics and Business Intelligence team is to present their data and information, broken down by district, at the SAC meeting in June.

Dallas Area Agency on Aging (DAAA)

Erica Lester, Manager of Access and Assistance Services, and Donna Alexander, Director of Access and Assistance, Dallas Area Agency on Aging, provided an overview of the Access and Assistance programs and services for seniors in Dallas County.

- Care Coordination/Caregiver Support Services
- Aging Information Office Referral Line
- Community Wellness Programs
- Benefits Counseling
- My Ride Dallas

Lack of affordable housing is the number one post-pandemic issue for seniors, according to Ms. Lester, followed by lack of free or affordable transportation, an increase in cost of prescription drugs, and limited or lack of geriatric care.

City of Dallas Program Updates

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, provided an update on the home repair programs.

- Home Improvement and Preservation Program (HIP): Ten more homes completed in last two months. Reconstructions are taking about nine months instead of six months.
- West Dallas Targeted Rehab Program: Completed the first of 13 homes; 12 homes under construction
- Tenth Street Historic District Targeted Rehab Program: No homes completed or under construction
- Dallas Tomorrow Fund (DTF): Receive constant referrals from Code Compliance Officers. Mr. Erickson plans to request an additional \$500,000 at Dallas City Council meeting in May.
- Healthy Home and Lead Reduction Program: Some homes will be under agreement soon.
- Received four proposals for Minor Home Repair Program. Mr. Erickson will offer award letters to all four. \$440,000 for minor home repair assistance will serve approximately 70 households.

James Ramirez, Caseworker II, provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program, contract partners, and a written report with year-to-date comparative data.

In February 2022, Senior Services received 108 unduplicated calls for information and referrals. The highest number of calls received in February 2022 were for financial assistance (53), home repairs (28), and housing (20).

- DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 21 new registrants; 259 registered users; 367 total one-way trips in February 2022
- Achieve Senior Employment Program: 64 seniors served; 64 seniors received job placement assistance in Fiscal Year 21-22 Year-To-Date (YTD).
- Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program: 99 unduplicated seniors served and 126 senior patient visits in February 2022
- The Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 195 assisted living and nursing home visits; 2387 residents visited; 93% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days in February 2022 YTD.

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Bill Gart reported that the Housing and Information Subcommittee lost three members in the last couple of months and asked any Commissioners interested in joining the committee to contact him.

Commissioner Baker stated that Dallas City Council is having Listening Sessions to gather public information and input on citizen concerns and issues. These Listening Sessions will provide an opportunity to talk about senior issues.

Debbie Austin reported that the Social, Civic Engagement, Isolation Subcommittee was scheduled to meet in February but the guidelines for the virtual meeting changed and the meeting was postponed until May when the Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at the Senior Source, will be available to speak. Commissioner Austin asked

the other Commissioners to consider joining her three-member subcommittee. Ms. Austin also reported that H-E-B purchased a vacant grocery store in her community.

Feliz Jarvis serves on the Texas Health Community Impact Board with Texas Health Resources. Every three years, a community needs health assessment is conducted in each county. Focus is on community health improvement.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 25, 2022: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

Adjournment

Commissioner Jarvis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m. Carmen Arana seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:

J. Peter Kline

J. Peter Kline, Chair
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)

Signature: *J. Peter Kline*
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