



**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
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**LOCATION: DALLAS CITY HALL - BRIEFING ROOM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, September 27, 2021 **Convened:** 12:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:00 pm

Committee Members Present:

Jan Hart Black, Chair
Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3)
Ja'net Huling (Dist. 5)
Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6)
VACANT (Dist. 7)
Debbie Austin (Dist. 8)
Beverly White (Dist. 9)
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)
Zelene Lovitt (Dist. 12)
J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13)
VACANT (Dist. 14)

Committee Members Absent:

Portia M. Cantrell (Dist. 2)
Ola Allen (Dist. 4)

Guests

Mary Bradley
Eddie Morgan
Joann Schulte

City of Dallas Staff Present:

LaRhonda Bacon, Specialist
Ana Camacho, Supervisor
Catherine Cuellar, Director
Thor Erickson, Manager
Jessica Galleshaw, Director
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
Travis Houston, Specialist
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker
Barbara Martinez, City Attorney
James Ramirez, Caseworker
Lupe Rios, Administrator

Call to Order

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

Public Comment

Mary Bradley (12542 Fireglow Walk, District 10) spoke to the SAC on her behalf concerning CC Young Senior Living, hoping for a tweak or amendment to her contract with CC Young's buy-in principle. She paid a substantial amount of money when she moved into the senior living facility five years ago and lived there for two years. The facility will refund 90 percent when a resident moves out but only after the apartment is rented to someone else. Three years later, her apartment is still vacant. Ms. Bradley will contact Senior Services and Beverly White regarding her concerns.

Approval of August 23, 2021 Minutes

Zelene Lovitt made a motion to approve the August 2021 minutes. Commissioner White seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dallas County Health & Human Services

Dr. Joann Schulte, Deputy Health Authority, Dallas County Health & Human Services, provided an update on senior-related COVID and presented a PowerPoint on Dallas County COVID-19 Monitoring Data: Current COVID-19 risk level, available ICU beds in Dallas County, COVID-19 emergency room visits, COVID admissions, COVID-19 inpatients, deaths due to COVID-19, COVID-19 vaccines, treatment, commonly asked questions and answers. Dallas County is at a high-risk for transmission due to the Delta Variant. Older adults have the highest vaccination rate. Three vaccination teams travel to churches, nursing homes, community centers, and are currently vaccinating people at the Texas State Fair.

- Verna Mitchell inquired about the ethnicity and vaccination rate per district, specifically in District 3.
- Debbie Austin expressed her concern for vaccinating homebound seniors.
- Peter Kline requested data on the percentage of various age groups vaccinated in Dallas County.

City of Dallas Program Updates

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, provided an update on the City of Dallas Housing Preservation Programs.

- **Home Improvement & Preservation Program (HIPP)**
 - HIPP received 466 applications on September 11, 2021.
 - About 50 homes are currently under construction and 20 homes completed in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
 - Goal is to reduce time from application to construction completion to under one year.
 - Three million-dollar HIPP budget is same for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.
 - One million dollars has been allocated for Minor Home Repair Program.
 - \$5,000 limit per home for minor home repairs
 - Housing Department is seeking a nonprofit agency to administer Minor Home Repair Program.
- **Healthy Homes & Lead Reduction Program (HHLR) - lead abatement**
 - House must be older than 1978.
 - Pregnant woman or kids under six living in house or spending substantial amount of time in home
- **West Dallas Targeted Rehab Program**
- **Tenth Street Historic District Targeted Rehab Program**
Engineer is scheduled to conduct foundation assessments next week.
- **Dallas Tomorrow Fund - Code repair program**

On October 22, 2021, the Housing Department is participating in a virtual homeowner information session in partnership with the Office of Community Care and AARP. A legal representative will talk about wills, liens, and clear titles.

Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program

James Ramirez, Caseworker II, Senior Services Program provided an update on the Senior Services Program and Contract Partners and a written report with year-to-date comparative data for Ana Y. Camacho, Supervisor, Senior Services.

As of August 2021, Senior Services received 1161 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, 32 outreach events, and reached out to 1630 seniors. The highest number of calls received were for housing, home repairs, and financial assistance.

- DART Rides Rider Assistance Program: 26 new clients; 171 registered users; 235 trips as of August 2021
- Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program: 115 unduplicated seniors served in August 2021 with 151 patient visits
- The Senior Source Ombudsman Program: 237 assisted living and nursing home visits; 2581 residents visited; 81% of complaints resolved by Ombudsman within 90 days

Senior Affairs Subcommittee Updates

Bill Gart, Chair, Housing and Information Subcommittee, met in August 2021. A question came up concerning housing and the homeless program. Commissioner Gart plans to research ways to tie in homelessness with his housing priorities.

Ja'net Huling, Chair of Transportation and Outdoor Spaces Subcommittee, announced the new My Ride, Get A Ride Guide. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) provided a detailed update on the Senior Medical Transportation Program (SMTP). The SMTP is now using Uber to provide transportation with a 75 percent subsidy. Senior pays 25 percent.

Commissioner Austin, Chair, Social, Civic Engagement, Isolation Subcommittee, has been working with Alexandria McLemore with the Senior Phone Pals Program, Methodist Generations, and the Dallas Area Gerontological Society to target isolated seniors. She contacted Visiting Nurses and plans to reach out to Celebration Magazine and to partner with Almas Muscatwalla, Faith Forward Dallas, and Dallas Park and Recreation to help recruit seniors and volunteers for the Senior Phone Pal Program.

The Charles Rose Community Park is planning to open in Spring of 2022 with 45 acres of park and a five-mile creek.

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Jeri Baker reported that the opening of the Forest Green Branch Library in District 10 was a success. Friends of the Dallas Public Library hosted a private preview reception on September 24, 2021. The public grand opening and ribbon cutting were held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Mayor Eric Johnson and Council Member Adam McGough made opening remarks. City Manager T.C. Broadnax, Library Director, and Library Branch Manager joined with the speakers for the ribbon cutting. The new location affords easier access, increased parking, enhanced technology, and a vast public service area.

Commissioner Black announced that she is stepping down as SAC Chair at the end of September 2021. She thanked the Commissioners, OCC staff, Barbara Martinez, Thor Erikson, and the city staff.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 25, 2021: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

Adjournment

Commissioner White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Carmen Arana seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:



J. Peter Kline (Oct 29, 2021 13:01 CDT)

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