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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Monday, April 20, 2015 12:00 p.m. CITY SECRETARY
Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, Rm. L1EN DALLAS, TEXAS

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trini Garza, Chair
John Johnson, (Dist. 3) Co- Chair
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)
Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)
Manuelita Tafalla (Dist. 5)
Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)
Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)
Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)
Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)
Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)
Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

GUESTS

Jearldine McDaniel
Armand Christopher
Janice Thomas
Susan Williams, AARP
Lynda Ender, Senior Source
Doug Douglas, DART Paratransit
Gene Popik, G & G Medical
Rob Smith, DART
Kay Shelton, DART
Rosa Rosteet, DART Paratransit

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

COD STAFF

Valencia Alexander
Lilia Gonzalez
Myckycle Hart

VACANCIES

District 1
District 8
District 10

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Trini Garza, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 16, 2015 SAC meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made: Ms. Simpson stated Age Well Live Well (AWLV) Committee is not working on a website due to lack of funds. Mrs. Alexander stated Mr. Johnson noted the needed corrections (including the addition of Ms. Schaar as attending) were made prior to the meeting; corrected minutes were emailed to Commissioners. Sara Wick suggested the minutes should indicate "Corrected Minutes" if corrections are made after the packets are mailed. Mr. Johnson moved the minutes be accepted with the noted corrections. Mrs.



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Benenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the members present with one objection, Mrs. Hooey.

PRESENTATION

Kay Shelton, DART, presented the DART 2030 Year Service Plan. The plan includes a detailed analysis of each DART bus, shuttle, on call service, and flexes routes. The goal is to identify opportunities to increase efficiencies and cost savings to allow operating improvements. Rosa Rosteet gave a brief presentation on DART Paratransit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Syl Benenson

The Budget committee will be meeting immediately after the SAC meeting. They will be reviewing the Transportation and Home repair budgets.

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

Ms. Simpson reported AWLW Coalition met Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Senior Source. David Shackelford lead the group through a SWOT exercise to identify the strengths and weaknesses of AWLV, he will compile the results for the next meeting. Lydia also reported on an educational event she attended on strokes. A written copy of AWLW minutes and the stroke information was provided. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Source.

Housing Committee – Bill Gart

Mr. Gart announced Pamela Jones is no longer manager of Emergency Home Repair. Due to the change in leadership, Mr. Gart does not have information on Minor Home Repairs program assistance. Next meeting of housing committee will be April 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at City hall 6BN. Mr. Garza stated Navigating Senior Housing 101 Seminar held on Friday, April 17th, 2015 at the Center for Community Cooperation in Dallas was an amazing event and well attended.

Victimization Committee – John Johnson

The committee recommended that Senior Services Program staff move forward with the development of an emergency medical record and/or other pertinent information in case of an emergency. The next regular meeting will be May 18th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall, L1EN.



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AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

Age-Friendly Communities – Susan Williams

Ms. Williams reported that AARP received \$30,000 to conduct a survey on Age Friendly Communities. She also reported a Scam Jam is scheduled for April 28, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at White Rock Lake Library. Everyone was invited to attend. A flyer will be forwarded to the SAC.

Communications/Technology- Betty Hooey

Ms. Hooey shared the April issue of the Seniorific newspaper.

Older American Month Committee- Marlene Cohen

Ms. Cohen reported MayFair 2015 is on track with sponsorships and exhibit tables. The focus now is on **table/ticket sales**. She encouraged SAC members to seek sponsorships for tables. The cost of a table for 10 is \$400. General admission is \$10 for seniors and \$40 reserved seat. Celebration Magazine added the flyer to the magazine. MayFair 2015 flyers will be mailed to all members for dissemination. The website is also available at: www.dallassenioraffairs.wordpress.com.

Transportation Committee - Trini Garza

Please refer to presentation as Transportation report.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Lynda Ender, AGE Director, Senior Source, presented a questionnaire regarding senior centers to be completed at the next meeting.

SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Mrs. Alexander Introduced Mr. Myckycle Hart, caseworker II as the new addition to the staff beginning April 1, 2015. It was also noted longer term employee Vicki Smith retired April 1, 2015. We do plan to fill her position. The Program assisted approximately 100 unduplicated seniors during the month of March. We provided 7 outreach educational events reaching 300 seniors, including one Coffee & Conversation in Mrs. Willis' district.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Commission Chair June Fransa

Date: May 18, 2015