

**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Monday, August 18, 2014 – 12:00 p.m.  
 Dallas City Hall 1500 Marilla St., L1EN, Dallas - 75201

**MINUTES****MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trini Garza, Chair  
 Marty Alvarado (Dist. 1)  
 Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
 John L. Johnson (Dist. 3)  
 Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)  
 Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)  
 Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)  
 John E. Roberts (Dist. 8)  
 Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)  
 Vickie Barcomb (Dist. 10)  
 Irwin W. Gart (Dist. 11)  
 Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
 Sylvia L. Benenson (Dist. 13)  
 Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

**GUESTS**

Maria Ramirez  
 Lynda Ender  
 Angela Page  
 Janice Thomas  
 Jearldine McDaniel  
 Ester Davis

**COD STAFF**

Valencia Alexander  
 Vicki Smith

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**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

X Trini Garza

**VACANCIES**

District 5  
 District 8

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trini Garza called the meeting of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) to order at 12:00. The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The June 16, 2014 minutes of the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting were unanimously approved pending one change under AWLW Dallas.

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### **AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES**

Trini Garza and Valencia Alexander reported on AARP's initiative, Age-Friendly Communities. The plan is that cities join in and become more attractive to mature adults aged 55 and over. Susan Williams has given many presentations on the initiative, and the results are positive with cities wanting to join.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Health Committee – Lydia Simpson (Chair – AWLW-Dallas)**

- Julie Schaar gave a report on the DPD Health and Safety Fair that was held at Highland Park Cafeteria on June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Lydia Simpson reported that AWLW Dallas will have its kickoff, 'Anyway, Any K', at C.C. Young (The Point) on October 17, 2014. There are 2 confirmed speakers, and over 40 organizations are involved and participating in the planning of the event. Lydia requested that all SAC members attend, and to ask their council member to attend. There was also a discussion about sponsors for the event.

#### **Housing Committee – Bill Gart**

The next Housing Committee meeting will be held August 20th. Speakers will be Pam Jones, manager of the Home Repair Program and Angela Page, manager of People Helping People. The Housing Committee is in need of more members.

Mr. Gart will attend a conference on housing resources, Housing 101, on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Grapevine, Texas.

#### **Victimization Committee – John Johnson**

Mr. Johnson reported that the committee is still active in attending Chief on the Beat events. The next event will be held August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Arlington Park.

Valencia Alexander reported that we will participate in another Scam Jam. Planning is underway, and it will probably be held at JCC.

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On July 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. Garza attended the Community Transportation Network meeting. The Annie Jones Driver Excellence Award to three drivers. A My Ride Dallas and Veterans' Transportation and Community Living Initiative updates were provided.

Mr. Garza attended the Paratransit and Accessibility Advisory Group (PAAG) meeting. A briefing was given to the group on interactive voice recording. Doug Douglas, PAAG Director, would like to schedule a presentation at a future SAC meeting.

Mr. Garza attended the ADA meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SENIOR SERVICES REPORT**

Valencia Alexander discussed plans for the Older Americans Month event, MayFair 2015. The plan includes:

- A sit down lunch, big band, daytime ball (will have a DJ for intermissions)
- Reduced ticket price for seniors (\$10)
- Find a major sponsor (\$10-20k)/ SAC to help getting sponsorships
- Recruit past MayFair chairs to assist
- SAC members to sponsor a table for \$250

Valencia also discussed the upcoming Cesar Chavez Health that will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at West Dallas Multipurpose Center.

Valencia provided a PowerPoint presentation on a recent tour of destination senior centers.

Valencia will attend the Dallas Hunger Coalition on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Mountain View College.

Vicki Smith discussed the City of Dallas Employees Alzheimer's Walk for Life registration and ice cream social. Over 120 City employees signed up to walk.

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Julie Schaar discussed the Vial of Life Project. It was recommended that it would be a good fit with the Health Committee. Ms. Schaar will attend the next AWLW Dallas meeting.

Trini Garza introduced Ester Davis, previous chair of the SAC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.