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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION

CITY SECRETARY Monday, September 21, 2015 12:00 p.m.
 DALLAS, TEXAS Dallas City Hall – 1500 Marilla, Rm. L1EN

MINUTES**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Trini Garza, Chair
 Carmen Arana, (Dist. 1)
 Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)
 John Johnson, Co-Chair (Dist. 3)
 Dorothy Willis (Dist. 4)
 Manuelita Tafalla (Dist. 5)
 Felix Lozada (Dist. 6)
 Betty Hooey (Dist. 7)
 Julie Schaar (Dist. 9)
 Irwin "Bill" Gart, (Dist. 11)
 Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)
 Sara Wick (Dist. 14)

GUESTS

Gene Popik
 Cannon Flowers
 Janet Thomas
 Armand Christopher
 Chiyoko Douglas
 Mary Sparks

VACANCIES

District 8
 District 10

MEMBERS ABSENT

Syl Benenson (Dist. 13)

COD STAFF

Valencia Hooper-Alexander
 Myckycle Hart

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Trini Garza, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Special recognition was given to Betty Hooey, Dorothy Willis, and Julie Schaar for services as Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 21, 2015 SAC meeting were reviewed. Ms. Simpson provided a written corrected report on her activities, which is attached. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the sentence deleted. It was seconded and the meeting notes were approved unanimously by the Commissioners present.



2015 SAC Planning Session

Commissioner Sara Wick – Requested the 2015 SAC Retreat be held at City Hall in L1EN all day and that the committee would develop the agenda and program. She shared their meeting notes (attached, which is attached. Ms. Wick made a motion made to hold the retreat at City Hall. There was also a motion to have New Member Orientation held during the regular meeting in October. The business meeting would be shorten to allow time afterwards for new member orientation. This motion was second and passed by Commissioners present.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1 –On 8/18 she attend the Town Hall meeting. She has partnered with a group to improve dental work for resident at her facility.

District 2- (See attached report for more detail)

District 3-Mr. Johnson attended Town Hall meeting with City Manager AC Gonzales, it was very good.

District 5-Ms. Tafalla reported on the My Ride Coalition meeting she attended. She wants all members to know about COD transportation options.

District 6 –Mr. Lozada stated he attended the Town Hall meeting on the 18th.

District 9- Ms. Schaar stated she has made a folder for her successor.

District 11- Mr. Gart wrote article for his Neighborhood Association regarding the Housing Tour and they are now planning to collect items for Cliff Tower on 11/2.

District 12-Ms. Cohen attend the Town Hall meeting in her district, the primary concern was regarding the budget for streets.

District 14- Ms. Wick plans to attend the National Night Out in her district with Councilman Kingston.

Chair-Mr. Johnson read the letter announcing that Mr. Garza was appointed as Chair of the SAC for 2015-16.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Syl Benenson

Mrs. Alexander reported Commissioner Benenson fell and was home recuperating. A report of the senior budget ending in August 2015 and prepared by Mrs. Karen Rayzer, Assistant Director, was shared with those in attendance.

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

Refer to her written district report.



Housing Committee – Bill Gart

See Housing minutes attached. Next meeting October 20, 2015 at Norte Dame at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Gart thanked COD staff (Myckyde Hart) for reporting in his absence last month.

Victimization Committee – John Johnson

Mr. Johnson encouraged all SAC members to attend a National Night Out in their community. He plans to host one in his community. He also shared that the committee is working on “Steps to Protect” insert for water bill. They also voted on a new name “*Elderly Safety Awareness Committee.*”

AD-HOC COMMITTEES:

Age-Friendly Communities – Sara Wick

No report

Communications/Technology-

No Report

Older American Month Committee- Marlene Cohen

Pending finalization of MayFair budget with Friends of Senior Affairs.

Transportation Committee - Trini Garza

No report

White House Conference on Aging Report

Mr. Garza, Chair, gave a verbal report on the White House Conference on Aging held in Washington, DC, July 13, 2015. He was honored to attend as a representative. His report is attached.

SENIOR SERVICES REPORT

Mrs. Alexander presented a PowerPoint on the activities of the Senior Services Program, (attached).

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Flowers reported on a Town Hall meeting he attended and that he plans to meet with COD Public Relations Director on how to re-image seniors in the City of Dallas. He reminded members that the State Fair starts on Friday and Thursday are free for seniors.

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Ms. Thomas asked questions about the budget, the up-coming retreat and town hall meetings. She expressed her concerns about attendance and representation on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Cohen at 2:15 p.m.

Approved by: Trini Garza
Trini Garza, Chair

Date: 10-21-15

SENIOR AFFAIR COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

REPORT ON MY ATTENDANCE TO THE JULY 13, 2015
WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

ON JULY 13, 2015 I WAS PRIVILEGED TO ATTEND THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING WITH THE INFLUENCE OF CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON. IT WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING BECAUSE THIS YEAR, CONGRESS DID NOT ALLOCATE MONEY FOR CONGRESSMEN TO DESIGNATE DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND ONE COULD ATTEND BY AN INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT. CONGRESSWOMAN WAS KIND ENOUGH TO ARRANGE FOR ME TO GET AN INVITATION. IT WAS QUITE COINCIDENTAL BECAUSE 10 YEARS AGO, SHE ARRANGED FOR CONSTANCE SMITH TO ATTEND THE 2005 CONFERENCE ON AGING.

THE CONFERENCE STARTED AT 10:00AM ON JULY 13, 2015 WITH WORD OF WELCOME. THE PROGRAM PROCEEDED WITH PRESENTATIONS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND REMARKS BY KEY OFFICIALS AS NOTED ON THE ENCLOSED WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING AGENDA.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PRESENTATIONS WERE THE REMARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT OBAMA. HE WAS MOST SINCERE AND CONVEYED HIS STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE AND LIFE FULLFILLMENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS.

I STAYED AN EXTRA DAY AND ATTENDED THE "DIVERSE ELDER COALITION WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING" BRIEFING. THIS WAS A VERY IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF MINORITY LEADERS THAT EVALUATED THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND PROVIDED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THEIR AGENDA AND I HAVE A COPY OF THEIR DIVERSE ELDER COALITION 2015 REPORT FOR YOUR INSPECTION.

I INTERACTED WITH MANY OF THE COALITION MEMBERS AND ASKED THAT THEY CONTACT ME ABOUT ANY FUTURE EVENTS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE IN DALLAS, TEXAS. I WAS PLEASE TO GET AN EMAIL FROM MARITA ETCUBAIVER FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS OF ASIAN AMERICAN ADVANCING JUSTICE. SHE WAS INVITING ME TO ATTEND A BRIEFING ON ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015 AT 11:00 AM AT SANTA CLARA COMMUNITY CENTER. IT WAS A SHORT NOTICE BUT I ATTENDED AND OBTAINED SOME EXTENSIVE INDEPT INFORMATION ON THE LARGE NUMBER OF THESE GROUP IN THE DALLAS AREA I SECURED COPIES OF THIS INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED PERSON

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION OF THIS REPORT

City of Dallas
 Senior Affairs Commission
 Victimization Committee MEETING NOTES
 City Hall-ROOM L1EN

Date: **September 21, 2015**

Commission Committee Chair: John Johnson

Committee Members Present: Armand Christopher, Myckycle M. Hart, Staff

Action Item	Action Taken	Follow-Up
Review of last Month's Minutes	Each member and staff reviewed the Minutes, Minutes were accepted	No connections was need to the minutes
Discussion of the Name change for the committee	A number of new examples for the name of the committee was presented: Elderly Awareness Committee, Quality of Life Committee and Elderly Safety Awareness Committee	Chair and members voted and approved the name change of the committee to: Elderly Safety Awareness Committee (ESAC)
Committee Mission and Goals	Chair Mr. Johnson states that the committee will revisit the goals from this past February sat by the committee.	Chair and members would like to continue to partner with AARP and Chief on The Beat and make sure the staff and Committee member is always present at any event sponsored by the two organization. Also continue to work closely with DAAA and APS to get more information and awareness out to the senior population. Committee would like to partner with the APS event in January "Older Adults Financial Exploitation Conference
Senior Safety Month-inserts in the water bill	Chair and members reviewed the corrected plantlet and approved the connection. Wants about 1000 copies made for distribution to the seniors in there water bill. Voted on the plantlet be printed in landscape with a water mark of the City of Dallas Logo	Possibly place in the water bill of seniors in the city of Dallas at a later date
National Night Out/ Scam Jam	Chair and members will try to accompany their city councilman to the National Night Out event in there district. The next Scam Jam with be on 11/20/15 at Brookhaven College (3939 Valley View Ln, Framers Branch, TX 752440	Follow up with members on their participation in the event.

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Insert Mailing	Mr. Gene Popik presented a Postal mailing distribution format once or twice a year for information to be provided to seniors in the City of Dallas	Members will revisit next month

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