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SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION ANNUAL RETREAT

Monday, November 20, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center
12477 Merit Drive
Dallas, Texas 75251

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, November 20, 2017 **Convened:** 9:18 a.m. **Adjourned:** 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Sharyn Fein, Chair
John Johnson (Dist. 3)
Myrtis Evans (Dist. 4)
Carl Raines (Dist. 5)
Jearldine McDaniel (Dist. 6)
Deloris King (Dist. 7)
VACANT (Dist. 8)
Mary Ann Sparks (Dist. 9)
Jeri Baker (Dist. 10)
Bill Gart (Dist. 11)
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)
Syl Benenson (Dist. 13)
Sarah Wick (Dist. 14)

Committee Members Absent:

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)

Guests Present:

Evilu Pridgeon
Susan Williams

City of Dallas Staff Present:

Cheritta Johnson, Interim Assistant Director
Cobbie Ransom, Administrator
Valencia Hooper-Alexander, Manager
Heather Silver, SAC CAO Liaison
Kanesia Williams, City Attorney
Ana Camacho, Caseworker
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker

AGENDA:**1. Approval of Minutes**

Sharyn Fein, Chair, called the Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) meeting to order at 9:18 a.m. and made a motion to approve the October 16, 2017 SAC meeting minutes with one correction: Under Citizens' Comments, the City Council Human and Social Needs Committee meets at 11:00 a.m. on the first and third Monday of the month. Commissioner John Johnson seconded the motion.

2. Group Dynamics Exercise

Commissioner Fein welcomed the Commissioners to the SAC Retreat and introduced Evilu Pridgeon (Art Institute of Dallas) who led a group dynamic exercise on brainstorming, clarifying, and prioritizing ideas followed by a discussion on amending the mission and vision of the SAC.

3. How Much Do We Have in Common?

Valencia Hooper-Alexander asked the Commissioners to play a game during lunch to discover how much they have in common with one another.

4. Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA)

Kanesia Williams with the City Attorney's Office provided a handout and a brief overview of TOMA. She advised the Commissioners not to communicate about an agenda item until the meeting and not to use the SAC logo or their position as a Commissioner for personal gain. Heather Silver recommended that all communication be conducted on the City email account and asked the Commissioners to fill out a public access form.

Planning and Discussion of 2017-2018 Goals and Activities by the Senior Affairs Commission**SAC Committees:**

- Budget Committee – Syl Benenson, Chair
Committee Members: Marlene Cohen, Bill Gart, Jearldine McDaniel
- Elderly Safety Awareness & Health Committee – Carl Raines, Chair
Committee Members: Jeri Baker, Syl Benenson, Marlene Cohen, Myrtis Evans, Bill Gart, John Johnson, Mary Sparks
- Housing Committee – Bill Gart, Chair
Committee Members: Myrtis Evans, Deloris King
- Social/Isolation Committee – Mary Sparks, Chair
Committee Members: Jeri Baker, Deloris King, Sarah Wick
- Transportation Committee – No Chair
Committee Members: Jearldine McDaniel, Carl Raines, Sarah Wick

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Age-Friendly Communities – Marlene Cohen, Bill Gart
- City Liaison – Jeri Baker, Library & Cultural Affairs; Syl Benenson, Cultural Affairs; Mary Sparks, Dallas Parks & Recreation; Vacant, Police Liaison
- MayFair Planning – Jeri Baker, Syl Benenson, Deloris King
- Police – Vacant
- Retreat Planning – Bill Gart

Commissioner Fein reviewed the Senior Affairs Commissioner Responsibilities. She asked the Commissioners to request a calendar of events from their Councilmember's Secretary and to set up monthly meetings with their Councilmember on a Monday or a Tuesday starting the Monday of the next SAC meeting. Senior Services staff will monitor the Facebook page and schedule SAC group quarterly trainings about one of their programs. The Commissioners will write a summary of what they learned at training and turn in to be included in minutes, wear their name badges in public and at meetings with Councilmember, and use City email account to communicate.

Susan Williams, Associate State Director at AARP, provided an update on the Age-Friendly Communities Plan. She will present the Plan to the City Council following the Listening Sessions.

David Noguera, City of Dallas Housing Director, reported on the home repair program by conference call. The City is redesigning and consolidating the home repair programs into one program to stretch out the maximum expenditure to the HUD Housing cap of up to \$150,000 per unit/home. No changes have been made to the program eligibility requirements. Loan terms will be deferred as long as the resident is living in their home. The program is not set up to respond to emergencies. There is a bidding process.

5. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. followed by a tour of T. Boone Pickens Hospice and Palliative Care Center.

APPROVED BY:


Sharyn Fein, Chair
Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)