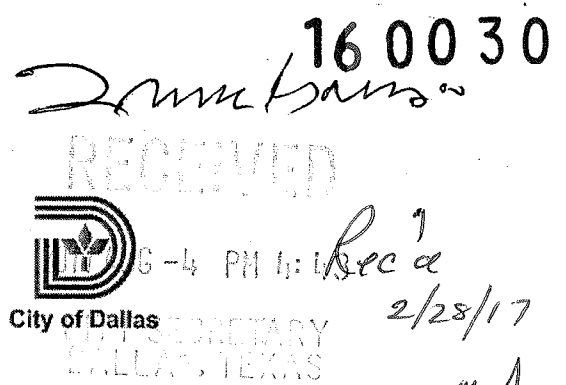




SENIOR AFFAIRS  
COMMISSION



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Monday, November 21, 2016 – 12:00 p.m.

Dallas City Hall, 5ES Conference Room

### MEETING MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Trini Garza, Chairman  
Carmen Arana (Dist. 1)  
Lydia Simpson (Dist. 2)  
John Johnson (Dist. 3)  
Cannon Flowers (Dist. 7)  
Chiyoko Douglas (Dist. 8)  
Mary Ann Sparks (Dist. 9)  
Irwin "Bill" Gart (Dist. 11)  
Marlene Cohen (Dist. 12)  
Syl Benenson (Dist. 13)  
Sarah Wick (Dist. 14)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Johnny Rodriguez (Dist. 5)

#### VACANCIES

District 4  
District 6  
District 10

#### SENIOR SERVICES STAFF

Cobbie Ransom, Administrator  
Valencia Hooper Alexander, Manager  
Ana Camacho, Caseworker  
Myckycle Hart, Caseworker  
Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker

#### GUESTS

Jeri Baker  
Barbara Edwards  
Paul Hoffman  
Jearldine McDaniel  
Bryan Moore  
Janice Thomas  
Dannita Williams

#### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Johnson made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Syl Benenson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

#### SENIOR DENTAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Paul Hoffman, Administrative Director for Extramural Clinics at Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry, provided an update on the City of Dallas Senior Dental Program. His main goal is for the dental school to do more in the community. The contract between Texas A&M Baylor College of Dentistry and the City of Dallas is in the final stages. Dental services will be provided at two locations: Agape Clinic in East Dallas and North Dallas Shared Ministries. Both locations will provide medical as well as general dentistry services. City of Dallas residents, 60 years of age and older, who meet the income guidelines (80% of median income [\$40,150] for the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be eligible for the services) Dentures are not in the contract this fiscal year. Patients will not be charged for services; however, donations from patients will be accepted. The City of Dallas will be charged for the services provided.

## RETREAT RECAP

Sarah Wick distributed a summary of the SAC retreat on October 20, 2016 at the AARP office. Bernadette Mitchell, Director of Housing and Community Services at the City of Dallas, presented the opening remarks at the retreat. Cannon Flowers reviewed goals and objectives established at the 2015 retreat and moderated the accomplishments of each committee as reported by committee chairs. The Chair of each committee presented their vision for 2017. In the afternoon, Cobbie Ransom provided an update of staff roles for 2017 and the City of Dallas Office of Senior Affairs vision for 2017.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Age-Friendly Communities

Commissioner Wick reported on Age-Friendly Communities. She attended a task force meeting of shareholders where they discussed ways to disseminate information to all seniors residing in the City of Dallas. Ms. Wick also announced that the Communications and Technology (CAT) Committee is working with the Public Information Office (PIO) on producing a video for senior broadcasting.

### Committee Reports

Ms. Benenson will continue to serve as Chair of the Budget Committee. The budget meeting will be held today from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Flowers reported that for the transportation committee has been working with DART for the past year. DART will be conducting surveys to address the transportation needs of seniors living in East Dallas and Pleasant Grove (District 5) which is 80% Hispanic. AARP is sending out a bilingual person into that area to link Hispanic seniors to transportation services.

Myckyle Hart briefed the Commissioners on the My Ride Dallas coalition meeting between Dallas and Tarrant County My Ride.

Marlene Cohen talked about the Senior Hunger Coalition meeting.

Mr. Johnson reported on the Safety Awareness and Health Committee. In January of 2017, the committee plans to have a very special meeting. He invited all of the Commissioners to attend the meeting on January 9, 2017 for the special presentation.

### Office of Senior Affairs

Mr. Ransom briefed the Commission on the medical transportation program. The City of Dallas is searching for a vendor who can accommodate wheelchairs. The cost of service is free. Caregivers will also be allowed to ride free of charge. The person requesting transportation service must be a resident of the City of Dallas, 60 years of age or older and meet the poverty guidelines (80% of median income). Seniors who are currently enrolled in the Senior Medical Transportation Program will already be included in the new program. The City of Dallas will provide an ongoing list of clients to the transportation provider.

### Age Well Live Well

Lydia Simpson reported that Age Well Live Well participated in the Senior Fair. The committee did not meet this month. Age Well Live Well Dallas has new leadership. The committee is working on rebranding their image. Age Well Live Well has an educational mission. Ms. Simpson, Bill Gart and Mr. Flowers serve on the task force for Age Well Live Well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Flowers, Ms. Wick and Lynn Jenkinson met with Sana Syed, Managing Director of the Public Information Office, on November 17, 2016 to discuss weekly senior broadcasting on CCTV. Mr. Flowers and Ms. Wick also met with a representative from the Parks and Recreation Department who found this partnership to be very advantageous to them.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Janice Thomas wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving and introduced Bryan, her great grandson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dallas Police Department Community Affairs, Connecting Seniors Networking Event: 2:00 p.m. today at Jack Evans Police Headquarters
- Chief on the Beat program event: March of 2017
- Coffee & Cops event: December 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Wick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.