

**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING**

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**MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, May 24, 2021 **Convened:** 12:00 p.m. **Adjourned**: 1:33 pm

**Committee Members Present**: **Committee Members Absent**: **City of Dallas Staff Present:**

Jan Hart Black, Chair Ola Allen (Dist. 4) Ana Camacho, Manager

Carmen Arana (Dist. 1) Debbie Austin (Dist. 8) Catherine Cuellar, Director

Portia M. Cantrell (Dist. 2) J. Peter Kline (Dist. 13) Thor Erickson, Manager

Verna Mitchell (Dist. 3) Jessica Galleshaw, Director

Ja’net Huling (Dist. 5) Anthony Jacobs, Lieutenant

Marilyn Daniels (Dist. 6) Lynn Jenkinson, Caseworker

VACANT (Dist. 7) Barbara Martinez, City Attorney

Beverly White (Dist. 9) James Ramirez, Caseworker Jeri Baker (Dist. 10) Lupe Rios, Administrator

Bill Gart (Dist.11)

Zelene Lovitt (Dist.12) Sarah Wick (Dist. 14)

**Call to Order**

Jan Hart Black, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC), called the monthly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and

conducted roll call to establish a quorum.

**No Public Comments**

**Approval of April 26, 2021 Minutes**

Beverly White made a motion to approve the April 2021 minutes. Ja’net Huling seconded the motion. The Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

**Dallas Fire Rescue**

Anthony Jacobs, Lieutenant, Dallas Fire Rescue (DFR), provided a brief update on the fire department’s senior programs. Focus is on education and risk prevention. Virtual or in-person educational programs can be tailored to meet specific needs. The DFR Education Line: 214-670-4633 or [mail.dfreducation@dallascityhall.com](about:blank). Website: [www.dallasfirerescue.com](about:blank).

Call 214-670-4319 for installation of free smoke detectors.

**City of Dallas Program Updates**

Thor Erickson, Area Redevelopment Manager, Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department, presented an update

on the Home Improvement and Preservation Program (HIPP).

* Due to pandemic, only six homes were completed in HIPP Fiscal Year 19/20.
* Plan to raise amount for home repairs from $160,000 to $185,000 to account for increase in materials and inflammation
* Information sessions in August and September 2021 on home repair program and how to apply for home repair funds
* Expected to receive same amount of funding next year
* Biggest hurdles are accessing materials, permits, lead testing
* Over 50 homes are currently under construction.

Verna Mitchell and Jeri Baker requested a breakdown of home repairs by district. Mr. Erickson agreed to add the council

district breakdown and percent per council district to the data chart.

**Office of Community Care/Senior Services**

Jessica Galleshaw, Director, Office of Community Care and Ana Y. Camacho, Manager, Senior Services Program, provided

an update on the Senior Services Program and Contract Partners and a written report with year-to-date comparative data.

* Senior Services continues to receive a high number of calls for home repairs.
* Ten new clients enrolled in the DART Rides Rider Assistance Program (RAP) in April 2021.
* A total of 61 new clients enrolled in RAP in May 2020 to date.
* Texas A&M Dental Program: No recent data available due to change in management
* Ombudsman Program: Nursing home visits in April of 2021 were higher than April of 2020.

Questions were raised by Commissioner Mitchell concerning senior services data in her district. Data will be provided.

Age-Friendly Dallas Plan Status Report

In 2019, the City of Dallas adopted the Age-Friendly Dallas (AFD) Plan as a guide to address senior issues. Action items

in each domain of livability were assigned to the senior services team. Ms. Galleshaw and Ms. Camacho presented an

overview of the AFD Plan and status of each action item. Chair Black suggested that each subcommittee discuss the

AFD Plan, gather relevant information on the status of the recommendations and make recommendations for revising

and updating these action items.

**Senior Affairs Subcommittee Reports**

Chair Black reported that Commissioner Huling had a brief subcommittee meeting and looks forward to chairing the

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Outdoor Spaces Subcommittee.

Chair Black on behalf of Peter Kline provided an update on the Funding Priorities Ad Hoc Committee. He thanked the

committee members who attended his meetings and commended Ms. Galleshaw, Office of Community Care, and city

departments for their data and program updates. His committee will provide final recommendations on funding priorities

for 2021 at the next SAC committee meeting. Commissioner Kline would like Commissioners to email him if they become

aware of any important, unmet needs of seniors in their districts.

**Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates**

Commissioner Mitchell attended the second, in-person community breakfast in District 3 this past Saturday. A City of Dallas

departmental administrator presented during each event. Community representatives have been encouraging constituents

in District 3 to read the Dallas Economic Development Plan. Copies of the plan were mailed to those with email addresses.

Community representatives have been speaking at each of the council meetings in support for the plan.

**Upcoming Events**

* June 28, 2021: Senior Affairs Committee Meeting at location to be determined

**Adjournment**

Sarah Wick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Carmen Arana seconded the motion.

APPROVED BY:



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Jan Hart Black, Chair

Senior Affairs Commission (SAC)