



**SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING  
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**CITY SECRETARY  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

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**Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: [15]**

*Carmen Arana, District 1/Commissioner	*Lisa Kelly, District 9/Commissioner
*Portia Cantrell, District 2/Commissioner	Jeri Baker, District 10/Commissioner
Verna Mitchell, District 3/Commissioner	Renee L. Karp, District 11/Commissioner**
Phyllis Lee, District 4/Commissioner	Beth Mond, District 12/Commissioner
Feliz Jarvis, District 5/Commissioner	J. Peter Kline, District 13/Commissioner
*Marilyn Daniels, District 6/Commissioner	Karen Roberts, District 14/Commissioner
Marian A. Williams, District 7/Commissioner	Mike Nurre, District 15/Commissioner
*Debbie Austin, District 8/Commissioner**	

**ABSENT: [0]**

*\*Note: Members of the Senior Affairs Commission participated in this meeting by video conference.*

*\*\*Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened*

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. with a quorum of thirteen of the Senior Affairs Commission members present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS", of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

The Senior Affairs Commission provided "public speaker" opportunities. There were no public speakers.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 30, 2023)**

The January 2023 Senior Affairs Commission meeting minutes: Commissioner Mike Nurre made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Verna Mitchell and unanimously approved.

## **SAC REPORTS**

### **Chair's Report**

SAC Chair, Peter Kline reminded the Commissioners of the Texas Open Meetings Act or TOMA requirements for videoconference meetings and provided an update on the Senior Data Project. The data analytics team will redefine the new council districts and input new data by end of June.

In memory of Commissioner/SAC Vice Chair Irwin "Bill" Gart, Chair Kline noted his passing and recognized his service on the Commission for nine years, his leadership and commitment to serving the senior population in the City of Dallas and advocating for senior home repairs.

### **Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates**

Commissioners Karen Roberts (District 14), Feliz Jarvis (District 5), Phyllis Lee (District 4), Verna Mitchell (District 3), Jeri Baker (District 10), Marian Williams (District 7), Debbie Austin (District 8), and Marilyn Daniels (District 6) reported news and activities taking place in their districts.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department Program Update**

Reese Collins, Area Redevelopment Manager, City of Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization updated the SAC on the Senior Home Repair Program. (SHRP). Applications close on March 3, 2023. Goal is to provide updates to applicants by end of March.

Thor Erickson, Assistant Director, City of Dallas Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Department provided additional details about the SHRP and promised to provide an updated data report at the SAC meeting in March.

### **Senior Services Program & Contracts**

Ana Camacho, Supervisor, provided an update on the Office of Community Care/Senior Services Program and contracts including summary of calls and outreach events, and an update on contract partners/seniors served for the month of January 2023.

In January 2023, Senior Services received 154 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, served 549 unduplicated clients and participated in 20 outreach events in January, Year to Date (YTD) 2023. The highest number of calls received in January 2023 were for financial assistance (119), home repair (67), and housing (43). Data on Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Rides Rider Assistance Program (RAP), Achieve Senior Employment Program, Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program, and the Senior Ombudsman Program was presented for January 2023.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Discussion: SAC Subcommittee Membership and Structure

Commissioner Kline talked about the reestablishment of the subcommittee structure, named each subcommittee and Commissioner who agreed to chair the subcommittee. Portia Cantrell volunteered to join the Health and Safety Subcommittee. Subcommittee meetings were confirmed on May 9, 2023.

### Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Programs Overview

Noah Berlin, Rick Garcia, and Hans-Michael Ruthe provided an overview of the DART Rider Assistance Program (RAP), DART Paratransit Program, and recent changes to DART fixed route services.

### MyRide Dallas

Cliff Cravens, Managing Director, MyRide Dallas Outreach & Assistance provided an overview of MyRide Dallas, a free service that provides personalized help finding transportation and connecting older adults and people with disabilities to transportation services. MyRide is connected to Respect the Tech now and no longer under contract with the Community Council of Greater Dallas.

## ADJOURNMENT

After all the business of the Senior Affairs Commission had been considered, Commissioner Jarvis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously accepted. The Senior Affairs Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

*M. Lynn Jenkinson*

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3/15/23

Date



Approved by:  
J. Peter Kline, Chair  
Senior Affairs Commission

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