



SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION (SAC) MONTHLY MEETING
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

LOCATION: DALLAS CITY HALL, L1FN AUDITORIUM AND VIDEOCONFERENCE
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Peter Kline, Chair, Senior Affairs Commission (SAC) PRESIDING

PRESENT: [12]

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	VACANT, District 12/Commissioner
Feliz Jarvis, District 5/Commissioner	J. Peter Kline, District 13/Commissioner
Marian A. Williams, District 7/Commissioner	Karen Roberts, District 14/Commissioner
*Debbie Austin, District 8/Commissioner	Mike Nurre, District 15/Commissioner
*Lisa Kelly, District 9/Commissioner	

ABSENT: [2]

Carmen Arana, District 1/Commissioner	Marilyn Daniels, District 6/Commissioner
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**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 12:02 p.m. with a quorum of eleven of the Senior Affairs Commission members present. Beth Mond resigned from the SAC on May 8, 2023.

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 (April 24, 2023)

The April 2023 Senior Affairs Commission meeting minutes: Commissioner Renee Karp made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mike Nurre 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. Commissioner Kline commented on the importance of seniors voting in elections. He proposed holding a retreat or special meeting in conjunction with one of the regular scheduled SAC meetings. The Commissioners were all in favor. Chair Kline shared the recently released Dallas County Health and Human Services and Parkland Hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment report for 2022 and recommended that the Commissioners read the section on older population.

Senior Affairs Commissioners District Updates

Commissioners Jeri Baker (District 10); Debbie Austin (District 8); Verna Mitchell (District 3); shared district news and activities.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

SAC Subcommittee Chairs

SAC Subcommittee Chairs Debbie Austin (Social, Civic Engagement, Isolation), Verna Mitchell (Safety, Health and Community Support), Karen Roberts (Housing, Communication), and Mike Nurre (Transportation and Outdoor Spaces) provided brief reports on the subcommittee meetings held on May 18, 2023 at Dallas City Hall.

Review and Discuss SAC Budget Priorities Task Force Recommendations

Feliz Jarvis, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Funding Priorities provided an overview of the City of Dallas SAC recommended funding priorities for senior citizens drafted by the ad hoc committee. A draft of the document was distributed to the Commissioners to review prior to the SAC meeting. Chair Jarvis requested comments or insights from Commissioners based on knowledge of districts served. The Commissioners discussed the document and commented on the recommendations.

Chair Kline asked the Commissioners to provide input and submit specific editorial comments or recommendations by email to Commissioner Jarvis by Monday, May 22, 2023. The document will be revised before the SAC meeting in June 2023.

STAFF REPORTS

Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization Department Program Update

Reese Collins, Area Redevelopment Manager, City of Dallas Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization provided an update on the Senior Home Repair Program (SHRP). Housing staff completed inputting over 700 SHRP applications. The Housing Department will be hosting contractor events, actively recruiting contractors, and beginning to plan for the Home Improvement and Preservation Program targeted to reopen in August or September 2023.

Senior Services Program & Contracts

Jessica Galleshaw, OCC Director, 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 April 2023.

In April 2023, Senior Services received 162 unduplicated calls for information and referrals, 849 total number of communications; 974 unduplicated clients; and participated in 38 outreach events in April, YTD 2023. The highest number of calls received in April 2023 were for financial assistance (106), home repair (58), and housing (39). Data on the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Rides Rider Assistance Program (RAP), U&I Senior Employment Services, Texas A&M Clinical Dental Program, and the Senior Ombudsman Program was also presented for April 2023. The dental contract ended in January. The Texas A&M Clinical Dental contract was approved on March 8, 2023; therefore, Texas A&M did not have an active contract in the month of February 2023.

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 Nurre and unanimously accepted. The Senior Affairs Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Date


J. Peter Kline (Jul 7, 2023 23:06 CDT)

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

Date

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