



**Minutes of the  
Alamo Senior Advisory Committee of the  
Alamo Area Council of Governments**

**June 11, 2004– 1:00 p.m.**

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AACOG Boardroom  
8700 Tesoro Dr. Suite 700  
San Antonio, Texas 78217

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**Members**

Carolyn Goodall, excused  
Genevieve Manley, present  
John Halloran, present  
Linda Lee Davis, present  
Ginny Funk, present  
Tim Wauson, absent  
Diana Bautista, excused  
Joe Guerrero, absent  
Russ Vaughn, present  
Raymond White, excused  
Bonnie Flagg, present  
Marie Dawson, excused  
Irma Gonzalez, excused  
Ysabela Pena, excused

Carol Smith, present  
Cindy Wilson, excused  
Kathryn Schmoekel, present  
Darlene Evans, excused  
Roger Rodriguez, absent  
Cheryl Buch, present  
Russell Busby, absent  
Linda Gonzales, absent  
Charles Donellan, present  
Walter Harris, excused  
Flora Gurt, excused  
Chris Mitchell, excused  
Beverly Lutz, present  
Carolyn Stauss, excused  
Gerry Webb, excused

Gloria Crisp, present  
Tina Woods, excused  
Pamela Vann, excused  
Patricia Godkin, excused  
Regina Applewhite, present  
Tony Davila, absent  
Marcos Lopez, absent  
Richard Stiles, absent  
Bryan Jones, absent  
Glen Peterson, absent  
Barbara Effenberger, present  
JoAnn McFarland, present  
Fran Taylor, excused

**Guest/Visitors**

Bob Self

**Staff**

Maggie Schreier  
Julie Sakelakos  
Evangeline Avena  
Suzanne Ruff  
Candy Walsh  
Maria Wilson

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Vice-Chairperson, Charles Donellan, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

**II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Charles Donellan welcomed members. Maggie Schreier introduced Julie Sakelakos as the new Administrative Assistant and Julie said a few words about her self and background. Also introduced was Bob Self who was one of the two TSHL candidates

who ran for the Comal/Guadalupe County election. Barbara Effingberger won that election. Maggie invited Bob because of his interest in the both the TSHL and the aging programs. We hope that Bob will be involved in some committees and welcomed him.

### **III. ROLL CALL**

Russ Vaughn took roll. Fifteen members were present.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Carol Smith moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2004. Joanne McFarland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **V. REPORTS**

#### **A. RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (ART) LIAISON**

Beverly Lutz, Transportation Manager for the 11 AACOG regions, gave an update of the Alamo Regional Transit programs. They transferred \$43,000 from the administrative to the operating budget so that they could help each of the counties (using a formula) in the area of transportation. They had a drug and alcohol compliance review with a positive outcome. Next, they had First aid, CPR training on May 15 and June 5. Ms. Lutz attended the Texas Transit Association Conference in El Paso regarding new funding formulas. The AACOG area will be gaining funds. She is working with Southwest Texas Regional Medical Center for a punch card for bus rides. Riders would buy a card and the driver would punch it, the cost is \$30 per card for individuals. They are also working with the Canyon Lake for a Park and Ride, \$12/ride to take clients into New Braunfels. She discussed gas prices and how it affects ART. She is looking at ways to cut down on number of trips a bus makes along the lines of an US Bus. Asking for help in trying to make clients understand and coordinate trips to eliminate the need for more trips.

#### **B. TEXAS SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATOR (TSHL)**

Maggie Schreier gave a brief report on the TSHL election in Comal/Guadalupe County on May 25, 2004. They had absentee ballots as well as ballots cast at the different polling locations. For next election may look into radio advertising to try to get the word out to get a better turnout. Barbara Effenberger was elected.

Barbara Effenberger said TSHL is in the process of organizing the orientation session for July 12. Barbara stated that she will run for Comptroller and that there has been a big turnover in membership of the legislators, 50% of members are new. There was discussion on Texas Law that the TSHL enabled, approving a tax break for seniors. It was stated that the individual counties are making these decisions. Should ASAC write a resolution urging legislature to make it mandatory instead of optional? A letter would need to be sent to the TSHL from ASAC stating that they would like to have someone present the resolution. This will be put on the next agenda and voted on.

**C. ALAMO AAA STAFF PROGRAM REPORTS**

Staff program reports were mailed with the minutes prior to the meeting. Staff members were available to answer questions. No questions were asked.

**D. FUNDING COMMITTEE**

Maggie Schreier stated that the committee has not met since the last meeting.

**E. RURAL AGING PROGRAMS**

Program Director's Report. Maggie Schreier discussed that it has been very busy with processing invoices, the budget to TDoA, and quarterly reports to TDoA. With the aid of Suzanne Ruff she is working on the Medicaid Estate Recovery briefings as well as the Drug Card briefings. If anyone is in need of briefings please contact Maggie for scheduling.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Already discussed the TSHL legislature election. Last month ASAC approved Mr. Al Notzon to make budget changes because we had not approved the budget yet. The handout today reflects some of the changes Mr. Notzon made, some after that he had made, and will talk about the entire budget under new business.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDER AND APPROVE REVISED BUDGET AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND CHANGES**

Maggie Schreier discussed the changes for the transfer of funds. There was redistribution of funds based on use and having received carryover funds. Linda

Lee Davis moved to approve the transfer of funds and changes presented by and listed on the revised Attachment A (*dated 06/11/04*). John Halloran seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Russ Vaughn moved to approve the revised budget as presented by Maggie Schreier on the revised Attachment A (*dated 6/11/04*). Gloria Crisp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**B. CONSIDER AND APPOINT TSHL CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT BANDERA, MEDINA, AND FRIO COUNTIES**

The only biography/statement of interest that was received by the committee was Louis Vannatter (see Attachment B). Discussion was held. Bonnie Flagg moved to accept Louis Vannatter as the new TSHL Member to represent Bandera, Medina, and Frio Counties. Linda Lee Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C. CONSIDER AND APPROVE RELEASE OF VENDOR REQUESTS FOR FY05**

Maggie Schreier explained that the FY05 starts in October meaning that we have to get the new vendors through the AACOG Board in August or September and all the areas where vendors will be needed. Public notices will go out in July. Bonnie Flagg moved to approve release of vendor requests for FY05. Carol Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**D. CONSIDER AND ACT UPON JULY ASAC MEETING.**

Maggie Schreier discussed the pros and cons of having a meeting in July. Bexar Senior Advisory Committee does not meet in July as per their by laws. Discussion was held. Linda Lee Davis moved not to have an ASAC Meeting in July and that the next meeting will be on August 13. John Halloran seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

Comal County Senior Center is sponsoring a Lucky Duck Derby benefiting the Comal County Senior Citizen's Center. The cost is \$5 per duck or more, first prize is \$5,000 and the race will be held in Landa Park on July 30, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Maggie Schreier had handouts for the committee.

Ginny Funk spoke on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association that they are extremely thrilled that they had two caregiver resource center openings the end of May, one in

Pearsall Library with Mr. Al Notzon and Mrs. Gloria Ariaga in attendance and the other at the Comal County Senior Citizen's Center. There are two more Grand Openings of Caregiver Resource Centers: Friday, June 18 at 10:30 in Sequin and Monday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Karnes County. Now we have 10 of the 11 counties having these resource centers.

Bonnie Flagg stated that the Bulverde Senior Center raised \$12,500 in their "Race for the Hills.

Barbara Effingberger thanked everyone for their efforts in running a smooth election and for supporting her reelection. There was poor voter participation, possibly because they seniors did not have their voter's registration with them. Discussion followed stating that maybe the committee could obtain the voter registration list for the next election.

**IX. ADJOURNMENTS**

JoAnn McFarland moved to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Flagg seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m.

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Russ Vaughn, Secretary

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