



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 18th, 2013

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Susan Bell
Absent:
Visitors: Elaine Clemmons, T.E. Summers
Staff: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Jerome G. motioned to accept the February minutes. Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor to approve minutes.
4. Computer classes – Bobbie Jo K.
 - a. Introduction to Email was held March 5th – 7th. There are wonderful instructors. A concern because 29 persons signed up but only 13 individuals attended the class without notifying of cancellation.
 - b. She express discontent in regards that to her awareness no city council member or management since 2008 has shown interest in providing thanks to the volunteers for their efforts or just welcoming them yet the volunteers continue to put in many hours to help. Pam B. stated that if she is elected to City Council she would be glad to welcome them. Susan B. voiced that those parties may not be aware and city council also have full time jobs too.
 - c. Bobby Jo K. asked about display signs and if some of these notices can start being placed on these signs.
5. Health Fair:
 - a. Della V. shared that 40 vendors are set up and approximately one or two of them have not been confirmed yet. She needs to follow up with Angie S. to see about going to the RCC on the evening of April 8th to number/tag the tables.
 - b. Bobbie Jo K. would like each member to display 2 flyers for the Health Fair but do not have enough at this moment to hand to members. The flyers need to be placed at RCC too.
 - c. Susan B. asked if an “all call” can be done with the Blackboard Connect. Jermel S. said this could be done.
6. Bobbie Jo K. reminded that May 7th is Don't Get Scammed presented by Gregory Baldwin.
7. Bobbie Jo K. reminded the Travel Expo is scheduled for September 3, 2013. Members will not have any tasks to prepare for this event.



8. Update Senior Resource List: Bobbie Jo K.

A 2009 list was provided to members. It was asked of members if they feel this list is helpful and should be updated. Members agreed this would be beneficial. It was asked if any members are willing to be on a committee to revise the list with updated information. Fred C., Susan B., and Bobbie Jo K. will be on this committee. It will not be able to be completed in time for Health Fair but will still be able to distribute at other times.

9. Senior Concerns: None at this time.

10. Budget.

- a. Jermel S. provided a report of February expenses and shared with members.

11. Director's Report given by Jermel S.

- a. Congratulations to the City of Rowlett!! The City was nominated for the "Community Partner of the Year" Award at the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce 2013 Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 7th and received it! This award is given to an organization that promotes and encourages volunteerism resulting in an improved standard of living and quality of life in Rowlett.
- b. The ICE (In Case of Emergency) program was presented by Fire Chief Don Poovy and CERT president Whitney Laning on Tuesday, February 12th. Twenty five seniors attended this informative meeting on disaster preparedness and what basic items each person needs in their emergency kit. This program was sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board.
- c. Economic Development Roundtable- Staff led the Retail Connection roundtable with several retail businesses to talk about sign code requirements and other funding opportunities from the Rowlett Chamber Foundation. This was a great way to connect with the business community and start building a positive relationship with the City. Other targeted roundtables are being planned as part of the Economic Development Strategy for this fiscal year.
- d. Citizens Police Academy Class #31 started on Thursday, February 28th, with a total of 28 participants. This session will run through May 16, 2013, meeting every Thursday evening from 7-10 p.m.

12. Public input and questions.

- a. Bobbie Jo K. mentioned that she submits volunteer hours to library and the library reports this to the City. She asked if she should provide volunteer information to RCC for the Health Fair. Jermel S. said he would like this to be done.
- b. Bobbie Jo K. inquired how things are flowing with seniors having to sign up for events that require food and such. Jermel S. responded that as far as he is aware this is going well. Bobbie Jo K. stated that she has heard a few negative responses from seniors about this new protocol but does understand it is needed.
- c. Bobbie Jo K. asked for an update on the plans for the trip to Arboretum this week. The status of this is uncertain but there is concern that not enough persons signed up to be able to use the bus for transportation for the trip.
- d. Bobbie Jo K. shared that a speaker from the Rowlett Police Department will be at the April meeting. She feels the agenda will be short and wondering if members are open to having lunch at Valentino's following the meeting. Members agreed it is a good idea. Will need to have a head count ahead of time to make reservations.
- e. Elaine C. brought up the idea of the Rowlett Community Centre owning a bus that can be used for senior activities such as some churches do. She feels there should be some monies from the budget to spend on this as well as seniors holding fundraisers



- over the next year to assist with funding. She stated this may help the issue when there aren't enough persons for the rented bus so that they can still go on trips and would save money in the long term from renting. She feels this goes along with the growth of the city. Jermel S. responded more research would need to be done in cost comparison because of ongoing maintenance, insurance, would attendees be willing to absorb this in the cost for events, etc. Bobbie Jo K. asked her to check with SCOR in that maybe they could apply for a grant for such transportation.
- f. Della V. asked for an update on Scenic Park. Jermel S. shared they should be moving forward with phase 1 May 2013.
 - g. Bobbie Jo K. expressed concerns about the amount of money that is being waived for impact fees.
 - h. T.E. Summer indicated concern due to the lack of sidewalks there are from Rowlett High School to various areas such as downtown or 66 or Miller Road. He feels it is dangerous for the youth to have to walk along the side of the road.
13. Public announcement. Members of the Board or Commission and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
 14. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
 15. Della V. motioned for adjournment at 10:50 a.m. and Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor for adjournment.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation