



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 15th, 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: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham

Staff: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Rowlett Police Department – Chief Brodnax, Sgt. Baldwin, and Lt. Ferrie came in place of Dianna Bell
 - a. Provided updates on the police department such as the search for an assistant chief is in progress and they hope to have a selection within next two months. Other staff changes and positions were mentioned as well as the training requirements for police.
 - b. Some of the department goals are to arrive within six minutes of an emergency priority one call if at all possible, to write excellent reports, to work on physical fitness, and to be professional and courteous to the citizens. They have new uniforms.
 - c. Encouraging citizens to call 911 even for non-emergency issues such as suspicious activity in the community in order to assist with crime reduction. The police department does support neighborhood crime watch. Citizens can go to www.crimereports.com or www.texasdps.state.us website for seeking information.
 - d. The House Watch program can be accessed from their links on the city website.
 - e. Discussed a few scams. Acknowledged presentation of Don't Get Scammed is May 7th. Door to door scams regarding magazine sales, roofing, and voting were mentioned. There is a solicitor ordinance in which solicitors need a permit except for religious or political groups.
 - f. A brief discussion took place in regards to security at the schools. Presently there are other options being looked into that can provide more security but more cost effective than having officers present. Recommendations have been made to GISD. No decisions have been made at this time.
4. Della V. motioned to accept the March minutes. Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor to approve minutes.
5. Health Fair:
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. recognized Della V. for doing a fantastic job in organizing the health fair.
 - b. Della V stated there were 41 vendors of which four did not show for the event. Estimated 225 persons attended. It is believed that the increase in attendance is due to the publicity for the event. It was expressed that the signs posted were essential in advertising for the event along with the flyers and Larry's website. Della V. shared that

- she has a waiting list for the event next year. Jerome G. stated the golf carts are great to have but there were some inconveniences in the operation of the carts. Fred C. asked Jerome G. if there are any different carts that have a better turn radius.
- c. Thank you notes were presented to vendors at the event. Bobbie Jo K. asked if there is a way to send thank you letters to those who helped with the event that are not on SAB. Letters can be sent to them now since the awards are not until September. If there are any complaints please direct person to Della V. Susan B. shared that she had many positive responses from vendors for this health fair.
 - d. Bobbie Jo K. suggested not inviting back those vendors who did not show and/or were tardy. Della V. concurred that there will not be an invite to the four vendors who said they would be present but did not show for the event. Della V. also suggested that the time of the event be changed to 9am – 12pm and if a vendor cannot remain the entire time then being a vendor at this event should not accept the offer to participate. This will be included in the introductory letter for next year. Angie S. recommends one person to contact all the signed up vendors 7-10 days prior to the fair to confirm.
 - e. Bobbie Jo K. brought attention that one vendor had a display requesting donations. All members agree the health fair is a free event and it does not seem correct. All agreed this should not be allowed within future health fairs.
6. Bobbie Jo K. reminded that May 7th at 10:00am is Don't Get Scammed presented by Gregory Baldwin and asked members to help advertise because the information is a good reminder for citizens to be aware.
 7. Bobbie Jo K. reminded the Travel Expo is scheduled for September 3, 2013. Della V. requested that the event be advertised as 10:00am – 2:00pm. Some vendors are flying in to participate in the event.
 8. Update Senior Resource List: Bobbie Jo K.
There has been little progress with this task due to a difficulty in scheduling group time to work on it. A date and time need to be scheduled so members can work on this.
 9. Senior Concerns:
 - a. Jerome G. voiced the recent bus accident on the news prompts the curious concern of how reliable the bus company is that the city uses for the senior trips. Jermel S. stated the City of Rowlett has used this particular company for years and there haven't been any issues therefore he believes it is a reliable company.
 10. Budget.
 - a. Angie S. provided a report of March expenses and shared with members.
 11. Director's Report given by Jermel S.
 - a. Technology offered this month was another Senior Computer Class held April 2nd through 4th exploring the basics of Microsoft Word, Excel, and learned great tips and tricks for navigating documents and spreadsheets. Classes were full to capacity, with standing room only in the Library's PC lab on each day of class. .
 - b. Members of the Executive Team and Mayor Pro Team Doug Phillips had lunch with Congressman Pete Sessions last Tuesday, April 2nd, at Valentino's Italian Restaurant in Rowlett. Matt Garcia, Deputy District Director for Congressman Pete Sessions, is available to meet with citizens on the third Tuesday of every month at Rowlett City Hall. Congressman Sessions seems genuinely interested in Rowlett and our issues. .
 - c. The senior Arboretum trip on Thursday, March 21st was enjoyed by all. Nineteen seniors toured the grounds where many varieties of tulips were in bloom. The group



said the bus ride, the tours and the fellowship made this one of the best trips they had been on in a while.

12. Public input and questions.
 - a. Fred C. provided a website that helps an individual on how to set up their own website. He contacted Phil at the library who shared the information to him.
 - b. Angie S. mentioned on Fridays Phil is able to spend some one on one time assisting with computer learning.
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. Pamela B. motioned for adjournment at 11:20 a.m. and Jerome G. seconded the motion. All in favor for adjournment.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation