



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 19th, 2012

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Della Vickers, Susan Bell, Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie, Sue Watkins

Absent:

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Department Administrative Assistant, Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager

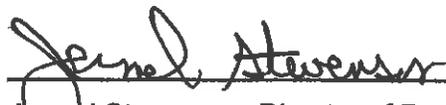
1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Orientation review: Angela S. presented; Donna D. assisted with answering questions.
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. asked about board members discussing voting opinions vs Freedom of Speech. Donna D. was not present at the orientation meeting to interpret what was said during that training so she will need to find out. Open Meetings Act was reviewed through discussion. Mostly have to keep in mind the intent and if Chair needs to provide information to other Board members then it is best to go through the Board liaison and that office will disseminate the information.
4. Della V. motioned to accept the minutes from October 15th. Fred C. seconded motion.
5. Insurance program January 22, 2013: Bobbie Jo K.
 - a. Items that will be needed are lap top, table for handouts, and microphone.
 - b. Once Angela S. is provided with details of the event she can produce a flyer for advertisement.
6. Go over programs from goal list:
 - a. Fraud & ID Theft: Jerry G. – thinks this event is still worthwhile but didn't know if the group would like to seek different speakers. Angie S. suggested checking with Phillip at the library for internet safety. Jerry G. shared of a recent scam. Susan B. voiced she liked the idea and thinks it may bring in a different crowd. Bobbie Jo K. will follow up with Phillip. The dates for this will be determined at a later time.
 - b. ICE: Jerry G. – He spoke with Fire Captain Chris Ensley and he would be willing to presenting but suggested checking with Whitney Laning who may be more available. If decide to go with the fire department then need to check with Don Poovey, Interim-fire chief, first. Jerry G. will follow up with this and look at possible dates of February 12th or 26th.
 - c. Expo/State Representatives: Fred C. – He is attending a meeting next week in Richardson at their civic center and plans to speak with representatives (Angie Chen Button and/or Cindy Burkett) there. Discussed whether seeking representatives to have a booth at the Health Fair or scheduling a time for her/them to speak with local people. Fred C. needs to get with the committee members for a decision to be made before speaking with the representatives.

- d. Travel Fair: Della V. – She spoke with AAA and if they participate they want to do the entire expo with their own cruise lines, vendors, etc. Della V expressed she has been to their expos and they are really good and nice people. Susan B. concurred. Bobbie Jo K. said if Board sponsors the expo then AAA doesn't have to pay for room space. Donna D. mentioned that there is one local travel agency and stated that if AAA is chosen then this will exclude the local agency. She shared there are positives of using a commercial agency and then the Board will not have as many tasks to set up for expo. Della V. said will invite local travel agency for the Health Fair and will check with AAA for September 3, 2013.
 - e. Nursing home costs and financial aid to offset them: Angela S. will follow up with Dianne Jones then email the information. Will look at the dates of May 7th or May 14th since Jerry G. mentioned May 22nd conflicts with Golden Classics.
 - f. Della V. voiced the Health Fair is April 9th and is on the calendar for 9:00am – 1:00pm. SCOR (Senior Citizens of Rowlett) was mentioned. Donna D. wondered if someone should be coordinating with SCOR to not overlap topics and such. Angela shared that Dianne Jones is coordinating with Jeff for booking the rooms and listening to the topics. SCOR meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month and provides a lunch which brings in people. Bobbie Jo K. will contact Jeff.
7. Parks and Leisure due February 2013 for June, July, and August. Della V. voiced there are usually no activities scheduled during these months. Angela S. said this is just a reminder if anything would be scheduled then it is due in February.
8. Senior Concerns:
- a. Bobbie Jo K. brought up the 20/20 development and that some of us do not care about it. She shared that it appeared to be all structured meetings and doesn't recall anyone asking "would you buy one" in reference to the homes. Donna D. explained this is a comprehensive high level plan and that typically towns have plans for development. Not all cities ask for citizen input but Rowlett chose to bring awareness to the citizens of the plan and to be able to provide some input. Rowlett has tried different tactics to obtain this input. Still in phase 1. Donna D. suggested maybe someone from Development and Planning attend a meeting to better explain and/or share information. Bobbie Jo K. responded that someone has already come to speak.
 - b. Della V. questioned about the re-zoning to commercial property where the senior housing was to be placed and are there any other developers to consider. Donna D. spoke about it was just this year that the developer did not receive the tax credit to be able to follow through with the senior housing. It is really expensive. Larry Beckham, visitor, mentioned the re-zoning was "tabled" at the last meeting he attended.
 - c. Bobbie Jo K. questioned the term limit of officials changing for longer terms. Donna D. said this came up because it is time for the City Charter to be renewed. The City Charter is renewed every five years. There will be a commission set up to review the charter in which this commission will seek citizen input. By February 19, 2013 there will be recommendations for the charter and any amendments recommended will be placed on a ballot for voting. One of the things that came up was possibly lengthening the terms of officials.
 - d. Bobbie Jo K. asked about the city paying for meals for another region's officials when meeting as a group and this coming from tax payers. Donna D. shared that Rowlett participates in networking with other city officials and the importance of this activity. She stressed that they are cost effective with the price choices for being reasonable. Each city takes turns.



- e. Bobbie Jo K. mentioned that social security went up 1.7% and Rowlett water bill was increased by 23%. Donna D. explained this is for the infer-structure that is needed. There was discussed as to which funds this should be put under such as Capitol Development. This lead to a discussion by Larry B. voicing that he heard that developers can only build homes that are at least \$250,000. He is concerned about this and what message it gives to those who have homes in the area that are not in this price range. Donna D. could not concur that this is correct information regarding the development plans.
9. Senior Budget.
 - a. A report was provided and shared with members. Angela S. shared the monies are audited by the finance department and monies are considered a 1 line item.
 10. Director's Report given by Angela S.
 - a. Last Saturday was the parade fest and there was a great turn out of attendees.
 - b. On November 30th at RCC in the gym there will be a DART luncheon. There is an RSVP. Della V. asked if the invitation is for 1 person or can a guest be brought. Angie S. is not certain but will find out. The RCC will be closed until 2:30pm due to this event. When Angie obtains more details she will provide to Shelly M. and the information will be emailed.
 - c. December 1st is the Main Street Fest with tree lighting, Touch a Truck, fireworks, and vendors. There will be a children's area at Veteran's Park. There will be shuttles running from the church parking lots and high school. Still accepting vendors until Monday. Rowlett residents can have booths for free and outside the area vendors cost \$250.00.
 - d. Last week on November 11th was the DART How to Ride Train.
 - e. RCC will be closed Thursday and Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
 11. Public input and questions
 12. 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.
 13. 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.
 14. Della V. motioned for adjournment and Jerry G. seconded the motion. Adjourned at 11:32 am.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation