



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088

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**Present:** Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Fred Cares, Pauline Dedrick, Susan Bell  
**Absent:** Jennifer Morales, Darrell Test, Michael Britt, Harold Kless, Bobbie Jo Kelly  
**Visitors:** Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Bob Vickers  
**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council member.

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1. **The Chair** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from February 17, 2014.
  - a. Susan Bell motioned to accept the February 17, 2014 minutes. Fred Cares seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Plans for the Health Fair on April 8, 2014.

Della Vickers commented that forty vendors are confirmed with the possibility of three more vendors. A second letter containing more details was mailed to the vendors. Golf carts and a second lap top will be needed. The Health Fair begins at 9:00 a.m. and members are asked to be present for 8:00 a.m. to assist with the set up and arrivals.
5. Report on the In Case of Emergency Program that was held March 11, 2014.

D. Vickers reported that 19 persons attended this program. During the program it was indicated that further education be provided on how to use a fire extinguisher. This is scheduled for May 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
6. Report on Introduction to E-Mail that was held March 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

D. Vickers stated there were 7 persons who attended on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 8 persons attended on the other two days. Instructors met and decided that next year the classes usually offered January through March will not be held due to such a low attendance this year during that time frame.
7. Review ongoing programs – D. Vickers
  - a. Introduction to Word and Excel to be held April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> will only cover excel this time.
  - b. The Travel Fair will be held September 9, 2014.
  - c. D. Vickers asked for suggestions of what to call the tax program to be held October 7, 2014. Tammy Dana-Bashian suggested Tax Strategies for Seniors.
  - d. Introduction to Computer will be held September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>; Introduction to the Internet will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>; Introduction to g-mail or excel will be held November 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Everbridge**  
D. Vickers requested for members to go to the city website and sign up for Connect Rowlett. Beth English, Police Dispatch Director, did put a special line item that can be selected for senior activities. D. Vickers has been trained how to post for senior activities on Rowlett Connect. Senior activities will include information also from SCOR and she will follow up with Golden Classics.
9. **Senior Concerns.**
  - a. J. Grossie requested information as to what is being done to Main Street across from City Hall. T. Dana-Bashian responded that the area is being developed into public open space and pedestrian space. She continued in explanation that grant money is providing the opportunity for downtown development.
  - b. D. Vickers expressed concern as to the approval of an apartment complex being considered for development next to Scenic Point Park. A discussion was held in relation to the 447 apartment complex, traffic issues, as well as that other information presented to this board indicated these would be higher end condos. T. Dana-Bashian recommended members attend the City Council meeting tomorrow because this item is on the agenda to consider a resolution authorizing City Manager to enter into an Economic Development incentive agreement with Terra Lago. She also reminded that this identified property is private property and this development is separate from Scenic Point Park, although the private developer is going to provide amenities for Scenic Point Park.
10. **Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.**
  - a. On March 18, 2014 there is a City Council work session to discuss a proposed mixed residential development for property located on Beacon Harbor.
  - b. On March 18, 2014 on the City Council agenda there will be a public hearing and consideration of an ordinance for a Dairy Queen.
  - c. On March 18, 2014 there will be a City Council work session to discuss Refuse Fund surcharge related to the 2013 ice storm cleanup costs.
  - d. The City of Rowlett has to meet compliance for new requirements of the public radio system by January 2015 according to the state of Texas. Funding options are being researched.
  - e. Members were encouraged to stay up-to-date by attending City Council meetings or watching the videos on the city website because there are several projects occurring within the city.
11. **No public input or questions.**
12. **Public announcements**
  - a. Jermel Stevenson shared that the Egg Hunt will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> located downtown.
  - b. J. Stevenson stated that during the April 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Advisory Board meeting he will present My Rowlett Campaign which will take approximately an hour.
  - c. Larry Beckham mentioned that a new restaurant is being considered for location next to the library.
13. **No member of the board requested topics for future meetings.**
14. **J. Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:15 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.**



Della Vickers, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation