



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 21st, 2014
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Pauline Dedrick, Jerome Grossie, Darrell Test, Della Vickers, Fred Cares, Bobbie Jo Kelly

Absent: Jennifer Morales

Visitors: Elaine Clemons, Mr. & Mrs. Carmack, Marvin Overstreet, Susan and Joe Turek, Perceline Smith, Otis and Verla Marguardt, M. Walling, Jeff Sheldon, Mr. & Mrs. Beckham

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager; and Brian Funderburk, City Manager.

1. **The Chair** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from June 16, 2014.
Jerome Grossie motioned to accept the June 16, 2014 minutes. Pamela Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Possible use of the Chamber of Commerce building as a future Senior Citizen Center – Brian Funderburk
 - a. The downtown project will cause the relocation of a couple buildings and the library to be torn down. Negotiations are in process for a temporary place for the library.
 - b. One of the buildings being considered for relocation is the Chamber of Commerce building. It is considered a historic building because it was one of the first churches in Rowlett. The City Council needs to decide whether to have the building tore down or to relocate it and if relocated what to use the building for. One suggestion was the building to be used as a senior center. To move and remodel will cost approximately \$200,000 to \$400,000 or for the building to be demolished will be approximately \$30,000-\$40,000.
 - c. Discussion held in regards to the type of supports the city would provide, the types of repairs and remodeling that would be needed, operations of a senior center, and monies. Questions were asked and answers provided. Eight of the twenty-two seniors present said they would be willing to volunteer at a senior center. Sixteen of the twenty two seniors present are against the Chamber building being used as a senior center. Board members expressed appreciation on being asked about this concept and although they have been requesting a senior center they do not feel that renovating and moving the Chamber of Commerce building for a senior center is the best use of city money.
 - d. B. Funderburk shared that on August 5, 2014 there is an open meeting about the Chamber of Commerce building if members would like to attend.
5. Review ongoing programs – Della Vickers



- a. D. Vickers mentioned that AAA Travel informed her that there will be more vendors than last year for the Travel Fair.
 - b. D. Vickers informed members that plans for the library being torn down isn't until April 2015 therefore the remaining computer programs will still be held at the library.
 - c. The Medicare Program will begin at 10:00am on October 7, 2014.
 - d. D. Vickers announced that on December 2, 2014 at 10:00am there will be a scam presentation by the police department.
6. Annual Board and Commissions Volunteer Recruitment Fair July 24, 2014.
- a. Jermel Stevenson informed members that this fair begins at 7:00pm.
 - b. Five of the board members acknowledged they will be present to assist with the Senior Advisory Board table.
7. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
Councilmember Tammy Dana-Bashian was unable to be present therefore no updates at this time.
8. Senior concerns
Elaine Clemons voiced a suggestion and requested if a couple seniors could have a table in the lobby area of the Rowlett Community Centre for approximately 2 weeks to promote senior activities. J. Stevenson responded he is open to this idea. D. Vickers stated this will be placed on next month's agenda.
9. No comments for public input or questions.
10. Public announcements
- a. Larry Beckham informed others that he is revising the senior directory. This time he is adding emergency contact information. If anyone has an updates to present to please get this information to him as soon as possible.
 - b. J. Stevenson invited members to the Rowlett Community Centre on Monday, August 4, 2014 from 6:30pm – 7:30pm for a social meet and greet with the accreditation site team. He elaborated that accreditation is about practicing best standards.
 - c. J. Stevenson announced the Recreation Division is getting ready for the after school program and there is a Dallas Maverick's camp occurring this week.
 - d. D. Vickers shared that Harold Kless resigned from this board because he moved to Garland. Those members whose term is expiring need to re-apply by August 15, 2014.
 - e. Darrell Test and J. Grossie asked questions about the sprinkler system at Herfurth Park and at medians and expressed concern. J. Stevenson responded that he will look into the matter further.
 - f. Jeff Sheldon of SCOR announced their health seminar and lunch will be held August 19, 2014 at 10:00am at the Rowlett Community Centre in which the CEO of Lake Pointe Health Systems will be speaking about their role in the community and will tell about the their expansion plans. Need to register for this event. He also mentioned that SCOR has a board meeting tomorrow at Kyoto's.
11. No member of the board requested topics for future meetings.
12. P. Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:03 a.m. and J. Grossie seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

Della Vickers, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation