



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 16th, 2015
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Michael Britt, Darrell Test, Della Vickers, Jerome Grossie, Susan Bell, Pamela Bell
Absent: Charles Gaugler, Pauline Dedrick, Bobbie Jo Kelly,
Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Linda Mackey, Verda Marquardt, Joe and Susan Turek, Jeff Sheldon
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; and Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison

1. The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from February 16, 2015.
Michael Britt motioned to accept the February 16, 2015 minutes. Darrell Test seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Update on Rowlett VIPS & CERT presentation held March 10, 2015.
D. Vickers reported there were 12 attendees and described this presentation as being very interesting.
5. Discuss short and long term planning regarding needs for seniors
 - a. Susan Turek, SCOR, presented information obtained after visiting Sachse Senior Center. A survey was also provided to participants of Rockers group and SCOR. A list of items in regards to having a senior center has been made but it is not identified in order of importance yet. More surveys need to be obtained.
 - b. Jeff Sheldon visited a Dallas senior center and one in Garland. He presented information he obtained.
 - c. Pamela Bell reported on Active Adults 50 Plus and the idea of not restricting participants to Rowlett residents only.
 - d. Discussion was held regarding the findings and covered topics such as multi-generational facility, budget, staffing, terminology, advertising, surveys and target population, etc.
 - e. D. Vickers concluded further information needs to be gathered and look at plans on the potential for a future building for the next bond election. Specific ideas will need to be presented to City Council including a budget. Tammy Dana-Bashian added it is necessary to go through the steps of obtaining surveys, prioritizing, documenting and identifying ways to fund.
6. Review ongoing programs – Della Vickers
 - a. Health Fair will be held April 14th. Flyers were provided to members for distribution purposes. Thirty vendors are confirmed and waiting on a couple more vendors to confirm.
 - b. D. Vickers reported the vendor criteria for the Travel Fair is complete. She reviewed the criteria. The criteria will be provided to vendors and hopes to report at the April meeting the responses so a decision can be made.
7. Explore the idea of a Financial Fair.



- a. D. Vickers described the event involving bankers, investment brokers, CPA, etc. She stated some of these type of vendors were wanting to be a part of the Health Fair.
 - b. After a brief discussion members decided this event is a good idea and a good time frame for it to be held will be October 2015.
 - c. D. Test requested educational seminars be held during the fair from a couple of the vendors.
 - d. D. Vickers requested for members to contact her with any other suggestions or ideas.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
- a. On March 17th the City Council will consider an action on a resolution to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dallas for the acquisition of the Elgin B. Robertson property.
 - b. On March 17th the City Council will consider an action on ordinances approving boundary adjustment agreements with the City of Dallas to adjust the City limits of Rowlett to include the Elgin B. Robertson property, as well as consideration and action on a resolution approving a purchase and sale agreement with Donahue Development Corporation for the conveyance of the Elgin B. Robertson property pursuant to a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone.
 - c. On March 17th there will be a discussion and recommendation from Arts & Humanities Commission regarding public art such as a sculpture program.
9. Senior concerns.
- a. Jerome Grossie mentioned a senior resident who has been having alley problems and they are not finding this on the Public Work list for the reconstructing of alley and streets for the proposed bond election.
 - b. D. Vickers offered to contact Public Works and follow up regarding this matter.
10. No public Input and questions.
11. Public announcements
- a. S. Turek announced that SCOR has monies to help seniors with needs. SCOR is classified as a charity.
 - b. Jermel Stevenson shared the Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March, 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. @Pecan Grove Park and the Pup-A-Poolza will be Sunday, March 29th at 2:00pm at Herfurth Park.
12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
- a. P. Bell recommended an update on reaching out to seniors at local churches
 - b. M. Britt suggested the topic of Financial Fair to continue to be on the agenda
13. J. Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:00 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

Della Vickers, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation