



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 20th, 2015
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Michael Britt, Darrell Test, Della Vickers, Susan Bell, Pamela Bell, Charles Gaugler, Bobbie Jo Kelly
Absent: Pauline Dedrick, Jerome Grossie
Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Elaine Clemons
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; and Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison; Jim Proce, Assistant City Manager; Neil Howard, Fire Chief; Mike Brodnax, Chief of Police

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 March 16, 2015.
Bobbie Jo Kelly motioned to accept the March 16, 2015 minutes. Darrell Test seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Police Department – Mike Brodnax, Chief of Police
 - a. M. Brodnax shared information about crimes affecting seniors such as phone scams.
 - b. Recommendations to sign up for the 911 program was made, as well as encouragement to call in anything that looks suspicious in your neighborhood.
 - c. Briefly spoke of the changes for the department in regards to I-30 such as traffic monitoring but they will be assessing future needs.
 - d. If the voting results for legal sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption passes it is not foreseen to cause the police department any major impact. The department is not proposing whether to vote for or against this proposition.
 - e. He provided a description of being an enforcement agency along with the different perspectives people have but the citizens of Rowlett heavily support the department and he expressed gratitude.
 - f. Questions asked and answers provided.
5. CIP Bond Election – Jermel Stevenson and Neil Howard
 - a. J. Stevenson and Jim Proce described the formal and informal presentations being conducted, announced a town hall telephone meeting will be held April 23rd at 6:30pm which will also be streamed online through the city website, and flyers containing information on all 3 propositions will be mailed to citizens this week. J. Proce summarized the work of the task force for the CIP projects proposed in the bond election. They reminded members early voting is from April 27th – May 2nd.
 - b. All 3 propositions for the bond election on May 9th were reviewed. M. Brodnax and N. Howard discussed proposition 3 regarding public safety and to include a training facility. Aspects of the facility were discussed.
 - c. Questions asked and answers provided.
6. Update on Health Fair held April 14, 2015.



- a. D. Vickers reported there were approximately 125 attendees and 41 vendors. She expressed appreciation for all the help on this event. Michael Britt mentioned the speakers couldn't be heard on far side of the room.
 - b. In regards to short and long term planning needs for seniors surveys were obtained during this event. M. Britt is compiling the information then will present it to this board. Tammy Dana-Bashian reminded members that more surveys will be needed other than from the Health Fair and suggested using survey monkey as a resource. Larry Beckham could include the URL information in his newsletter. D. Vickers will set up an announcement through Connect Rowlett. L. Beckham suggested some of the surveys be available at the RCC front desk. All the information needs to be ready to present by June 1st.
7. Review ongoing programs – Della Vickers
- a. Travel Fair will be held September 1st by Triple AAA and they have signed the agreement to accept the set criteria.
 - b. Financial Fair will be held October 13th. An objective is needing to be identified for this event. Presently there are four vendors interested in participating. A committee will need to be formed to work on preparing for this event.
8. Update on reaching out to seniors.
No information to report. This will be postponed until next meeting.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
- a. Elgin B. Robertson property is now known as Bayside. The city will not be funding through the general funds because the city's development partner, Donahue Development, is responsible. Basically it is self-funded by the developer of the location. Presently waiting on the title process then closing will occur. Rowlett will provide the infrastructure such as police and fire rescue as the land is developed.
 - b. Dates to remember are May 9th is voting and early voting is from April 27th through May 2nd. The ballot includes the sale of liquor for off-premise consumption, one GISD board seat, one RISD board seat, and bond election.
 - c. North Texas Water District announced they are lifting the water restrictions effective May 1st due to all the rain received. On April 21st City Council will discuss the recommendation to eliminate the monthly water surge charge as of May 1st.
 - d. Reminder about the library closing for the month of May and re-opening June 1st at the new location.
10. Senior concerns.
Bobbie Jo Kelly stated she has received concerns from other seniors about the library location not being downtown and the fact citizens were not asked for input on this matter.
11. Public Input and questions.
L. Beckham brought to attention the term limits for board members stipulates no more than six years for a person on one board. He wonders if there can be an exception to the Senior Advisory Board because after this year it means almost half of the board members will be gone. T. Dana-Bashian explained how this restriction derived and presently there is not a "no exception" policy although this can be reconsidered if seen necessary at the time of reviewing new applications and appointing members.
12. Public announcements
- a. J. Stevenson shared the Kid Fish event and Cardboard Boat Regatta will be held Saturday, April, 25th at Community Park.



- b. D. Vickers mentioned the kick off for Relay for Life will be held May 18th.
 - c. D. Vickers voiced DART will hold travel orientation if requested but there needs to at least be 20 people in attendance.
 - d. D. Vickers announced DART is sponsoring a health fair on May 7th from 10:00am – 1:00pm at the Centennial Hall at Fair Park.
 - e. D. Vickers reminded members of the Senior News in Advance newsletter that can be picked up at the Rowlett Community Centre. The newsletter provides information on all the senior activities and events.
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
14. D. Test motioned for adjournment at 11:30 a.m. and Pamela Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Pamela Bell, Vice - Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermel Stevenson".

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation