



**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
Monday, March 17, 2008 Minutes**

*Rowlett Community Centre  
5300 Main Street, Room D  
Rowlett, Texas*

**Members Present:** Ken Middaugh, Stan Grubaugh, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Bobby Wright, Fred Cares, Ceaser Hancock, Richard Lavender, Clarence James

**Absent:** Ruth James,

**Staff Present:** Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager

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1. The meeting was called to order by Ken Middaugh at 10:00 a.m.
2. No voting alternate was necessary.
3. The board discussed and approved the minutes from the February 18, 2008 meeting with the following changes:
  - a. Page 2 - #5 correct spelling of Bobbie Jo Kelly's name & Stan Grubaugh's name in the last paragraph
  - b. Page 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph, remove Microsoft Application and insert "an" before the word "educational".
  - c. Page 3- first paragraph, Exhibit A was not attached.
  - d. Page 3 - #7, a, (2) change Garland Computer to Computer classes.
  - e. Exhibit B – add an "s" to condominium under Long Term Goals, 2c.

A motion was made by Stan Grubaugh and seconded by Ceaser Hancock to approve the minutes with these changes. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

4. Katie Corder discussed senior membership fees for the Community Centre. Two issues were addressed:
  - a. A formal recommendation for Council from the Board on senior fees
  - b. A second proposal from city staff for the Board to consider

Since Council postponed raising the senior fees, and subsequently adopted the non-residential rates for adults, families and youth. The Board may want to consider a non-residential fee for seniors as well as make a formal recommendation to the City

Council on senior fees.

Mr. Grubaugh asked for the proposal in writing in order to digest the information.

Mrs. Corder agreed to project the proposal on the screen so that all members can see it. This was postponed until later the in meeting.

5. Committee reports.

- a. By Laws/Standing Rules Subcommittee - Stan Grubaugh reported that the subcommittee has only met for the purpose of discussion, and does not have suggestions to bring the Board this time.
- b. Bobbie Jo reported she has a potential teacher for the first computer class for seniors. She asked for input for the second and third classes for which she may also have a teacher. Classes will be Tuesdays and Thursdays during the three month trial period requested by the Library. The first class will be a general introduction to computers. Additional class suggestions are basic word processing, spreadsheets and "How to Use EBay". Katie Corder's mother is a retired computer instructor and would be available to teach one class this summer.
- c. Senior Center Site Subcommittee report – Katie Corder told the Board Room E at the RCC may be dedicated to the seniors, and this will be discussed at the April meeting. Staff will try to make it accessible to seniors.

Several members of the Board discussed a promise that was made to seniors that Room D would be dedicated to the seniors, but not kept. A drive and handicapped parking down to Room E was suggested by Stan Grubaugh. Ken Middaugh suggested an elevator would be better for accessibility to the entire RCC. Mrs. Corder assured the seniors they have been heard, and options will be reviewed for the next meeting.

Bobby Wright informed the Board that the Garland Senior Center has hot meals delivered free every day, and the Rowlett Seniors should qualify for the same program. Seniors can donate \$.75 if they wish, and the money goes to senior activities. Meals would be delivered every day except Saturday and Sunday, and volunteers would be needed to serve. The Board made a recommendation to the City Manager's office through Katie Corder that this program be put into place. Katie suggested a smaller subcommittee meet to fine tune the accessibility issues for seniors. Bobbie Jo Kelly stated this issue has gone on long enough, and the disability accessibility for seniors is an issue that is covered by law.

Richard Lavender made a motion that the Senior Advisory Board submit room "C" to the City as a dedicated room for senior activities. The motion was seconded by Stan Grubaugh.

Katie Corder announced to the Board that she is uncomfortable pursuing this discussion without all of the information and due to the fact that it is not an agenda item on today's agenda. The upstairs rooms at the RCC are community rooms used for a variety of community activities, and making that a dedicated space will be very difficult and may not be feasible. Staff is looking at options and will bring them back to the next meeting.

At this time, agenda item # 4 was address.

4. Katie Corder explained the fee options as follows:

Option 1: Three year progressive change to bring all the senior fees up by 20% which is in line with those fees adopted by City Council for all other RCC fees.

Option 2: Based on comments from the Senior Advisory Board and the Parks & Recreation staff, staff came up with the option for separating senior individual fees into two categories.

- a. Individual senior fee would be for use of the entire RCC facilities, including workout facilities.
- b. The Senior Rocker Membership fee would remain the same and would include the indoor walking area. For \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents, seniors can do all they currently do as well as use the walking area indoors. Specialized programming for the seniors may include additional charges, as it currently does.

Senior non-resident fees would be for the use of the entire facility. Using the same methodology that staff used for other non-resident fees, we are proposing that non-resident senior fees be doubled, but at a significantly lower than regular non-resident fees.

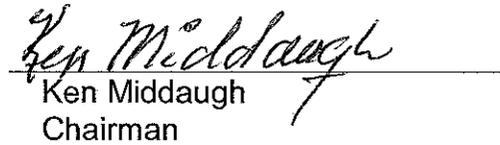
The Board voted to recommend the following new rates to Council:

<u>Fee &amp; Description</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Senior Individual	\$10
Senior Individual Non-Resident	\$144
Senior Activity/ Walking Resident	\$5
Senior Activity/ Walking Non-Resident	\$10

A motion was made by Stan Grubaugh to recommend to the City Council that the age to begin "senior" fees be moved from sixty years of age to fifty-five years of age. The vote was unanimous.

6. Announcements
7. 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.
  - a. Discuss and consider changing the spelling of the name of the Community Centre to "Community Center". (Richard Lavender)
8. Adjournment was at approximately 11:30 a.m.

  
Dianne Zachary,  
Sr. Administrative Assistant

  
Ken Middaugh  
Chairman