



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 21, 2015
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Susan Bell, Pamela Bell, Della Vickers, Michael Britt, Darrell Test, Pauline Dedrick, Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie

Absent: Bobbie Jo Kelly,

Visitors: Larry and Gaylynn Beckham, Jan Test, Lisa Hermann

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Denise Perrin, Communications Relations Manager; Drew Rist, Creative Service Producer; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager

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 August 17, 2015.
Michael Britt motioned to accept the August 17, 2015 minutes. Darrell Test seconded the motion. Approved 6 – 0.
4. Communication for seniors – Drew Rist and Denise Perrin
 - a. D. Perrin reported the main communication tool is through the city's website. Other modes of communication is through the monthly newsletter and Facebook. She shared there is a Facebook page for Rowlett seniors.
 - b. D. Perrin is willing to receive information about senior activities and briefly mentioned the procedures for this such as the request needs to go through the Parks and Recreation Department and needs to be 3 weeks in advance.
 - c. D. Rist explained he creates content for different avenues of communication through printing or producing such as Rowlett on the Move, on the web, YouTube and television. He offered he can place slides on the tv channel so senior activities can be added.
 - d. Connect Rowlett was mentioned.
 - e. Through some discussion it was suggested for senior newsletters to be available at the voter polls. The information should include contact information for those who do not have access to computers.
 - f. Larry Beckham expressed appreciation to D. Perrin and D. Rist for all their work they do for the City of Rowlett.
5. Award Presentation for non-board volunteers – Della Vickers
 - a. Larry Beckham, Gaylynn Beckham, Jan Test and Lisa Hermann were presented with certificates of appreciation for their volunteer time.
 - b. Lisa Hermann accepted for Taylor Franklin; Jerome Grossie accepted for Janet Grossie.
 - c. Certificates will be mailed to Millie West, Carole Phillips, Dannon Vickers and Elaine Clemmons who were unable to be present.
6. Senior Transportation – Angela Smith
 - a. A preliminary meeting was held with STAR located in Terrell. They will provide the buses, dispatch and drivers.

- b. A tentative schedule for the transportation plan and process was reviewed along with rules of participation, timeline, budget and next steps.
 - c. As far as the timeline STAR will speak with this board on October 19th then STAR discusses at their board meeting on October 20th followed by STAR attending various senior programs in November and December to register those who qualify and need the transportation. Transportation services to begin in January 2016.
 - d. Location for transportation was discussed and resulted in starting service to be to and from the Rowlett Community Centre. Other options can be considered in the future.
 - e. Members have been asked to reach out to those around them to verbally find out how many seniors will use the service and surveys will be done at various programs and the RCC to obtain feedback on senior transportation needs.
 - f. In preparation for STAR attending the next meeting members talked about what types of service are options.
 - g. Questions were asked and answers provided.
7. Update on the Travel Expo held September 1, 2015.
 - D. Vickers reported AAA expressed disappointment that only 25 people signed up. There were approximately 30-35 people who attended. AAA stated if this event was to be held again next year they want to do it on their own and rent a room at the Rowlett Community Centre.
8. Review ongoing programs – Della Vickers
 - a. Programming for January through April was discussed. This resulted in arrangements to be made for Self Defense, Health Fair, something similar to In Case of Emergency and Financial Series.
 - b. Financial Series: first presentation to be held October 13, 2015 and the presenter is from Edward Jones Investments. The presentation is "You're Retired but Your Money Isn't".
 - c. Humana will present for the Medicare program to be held November 10th.
 - d. Still working on a presenter for Social Security program to be held December 8, 2015.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. City Council approved 2015 – 2016 budget.
 - b. Keep Rowlett Beautiful received a \$250,000 grant to beautify along Hwy 66. Designs for entry ways has been submitted.
 - c. National Night Out is October 6, 2015.
 - d. In reference to water usage there have been several cities having issues. For Rowlett these issues are being heard and being studied but the rise appears to be more to do with water restrictions being lifted. Jerome Grossie mentioned that the people answering the phone when he has called are not so pleasant to speak with on this matter.
 - e. A handout was distributed so each member can read the board description that is in the Boards/Commissions Handbook. T. Dana-Bashian tasked the board to determine if there are any changes which need to be made. In reading the present purpose it appears changes need to be recommended and presented to City Council.
10. No Senior concerns.
11. Public Input and questions.

Larry Beckham shared information about SCOR having funds to help seniors in need such as electricity, utilities, etc. therefore if any members know anyone this is a resource to assist.
12. Public announcements



- a. Jermel Stevenson mentioned there are plans to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for Scenic Point Park but still working on the details for this program.
 - b. D. Vickers voiced there is a prescription take back program at the Rowlett Community Center on September 26, 2015 from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
 - c. D. Vickers provided information on the Keep Rowlett Beautiful shredding event and electronic disposal on October 10, 2015 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Rowlett High School.
13. Members of the board can request topics for future meetings.
- a. D. Vickers reminded members that setting goals for 2015-2016 will be on next agenda and suggested members come prepared. Shelly Monroe will send information on this year's goals to each member.
 - b. T. Dana-Bashian requested the board's purpose from the Boards/Commission Handbook to be placed on next agenda.
14. Jerome Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:39 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Della Vickers, Chair

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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation