



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 18, 2016  
City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088

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Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Darrell Test, Della Vickers

Absent: Kim Lott

Visitors:

Staff: Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council liaison; Jill Beam, Senior Recreation Leader; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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1. The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve June 20, 2016 minutes.
  - A. Bobbie Jo Kelly motioned to accept as corrected.
  - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Parks and Recreation Department - Angela Smith.
  - A. Investment Bond Project Status information was presented covering each project with in the aspect of what the project involved, funding, and the completion goals of each project. Projects included were Pecan Grove Park, Wet Zone, Kids Kingdom, Katy Railroad Park, Rowlett Community Centre, Lakeside Park, Paddle Point Park, Springfield Park, Community Park, Nature Trail, Veteran's Park, Shorewood Park.
  - B. Scenic Point Park phase plans were briefly update.
  - C. Isaac Scruggs Park has had some improvements through the CDBG funds. A new full size basketball court, landscaping, irrigation, shade structure and pavilion were added to the park. The park was re-dedicated for the Scruggs family. The basketball court was dedicated to a young female basketball player who died in an automobile accident.
  - D. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
5. Continue the development of an action plan for communicating information to seniors.
  - A. M. Britt mentioned he is aware of a Pastor's Association and he made an attempt to contact them but there has been no response. The sub-committee decided members need to meet with specific groups rather than only delivering materials. Members need to contact each church to see if they provide senior services. M. Britt has an outline of the information to present.
  - B. D. Vickers will be speaking to Life Message about ways to communicate to their senior population. They are willing to use their own robo call service for seniors with specific information.
  - C. T. Dana-Bashian discussed the information this board presented to the Council. In regards for the need of free transportation services, City Council will continue to



consider this need for seniors and they understand after the board re-assesses the transportation program a decision will be made as to continue the service or not.

6. Discuss upcoming programs - Della Vickers
  - A. Medicare program will be held September 13, 2016. Presenter is secured.
  - B. Scam program will be held October 11, 2016.
  - C. Independent School District presentation is tentatively scheduled on November 8, 2016. Securing a speaker is still in progress.
  
7. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
  - A. City Council's upcoming agenda includes a 2.4 million expense to replace the meter reading devices on the meters. The reason to upgrade is to keep the technology up-to-date. Citizens will be able to have real time usage and can read meter readings from their cell phone or computer.
  - B. Council approved for Arts & Humanities to start an art sculpture program. They now have a proposal for the first sculpture to honor the victims of the 2015 tornado which will be placed at Schrade Bluebonnet Park. The hopes are for this sculpture to be completed in December in time for the one year anniversary. They are proposing another sculpture to be placed downtown although the specific location is not determined at this time.
  - C. The water tower was damaged in the tornado is going to be taken down.
  - D. City Council approved zoning for a new memory care facility in Harbor View subdivision.
  - E. A vigil for the police was held last week in downtown Rowlett.
  - F. On July 23, 2016 at 8:00pm there will be a program called Surrounding our PD in Prayer located at the Rowlett Police Station. A grassroots organization is leading this event.
  
8. No senior concerns.
  
9. Boards and Commissions applications are due in August.  
Tammy D. provided an update on changes to the Boards and Commissions Handbook regarding the term limits. No specific deadline date for applications has been announced as of yet.
  
10. No Public Input or questions.
  
11. Public announcements
  - A. A. Smith shared the Summer Concert Series will begin August 5, 2016. It will be held every Friday from 7pm - 9pm located at Pecan Grove. On site will be bands for entertainment and two food trucks.
  - B. A. Smith mentioned Wet Zone will be open for another month and invited members to go to see the new updates.
  
12. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.  
Jill Beam will be added to the agenda in order to provide senior program updates.
  
13. Jerome Grossie motioned to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. Pamela Bell seconded motion. All in favor.

Della Vickers, Chair

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation