



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 19, 2016
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Darrell Test, Della Vickers, Kim Lott
Absent: Jerome Grossie, Bobbie Jo Kelly
Visitors: Linda Richard, Larry and Gaylynn Beckham, Brownie Sherrill, Senior, Shawna Haynes, Betty Madden, Jan Test, Lisa Hermann, Jo Prachyl
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.

1. The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present. Charles Gaugler and Kim Lott were appointed as voting members.
3. Consider action to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes.
 - A. Michael Britt motioned to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. C. Gaugler seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Senior Program Updates - Jill Beam.
 - A. The bingo program was briefly discussed.
 - B. September is celebration month.
 - C. September 28th is the WinStar trip. October 13th is the trip to State Fair with using DART as the mode of transportation.
 - D. Pot Luck, birthday party and exercise programs are growing in the number of participants.
 - E. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
5. Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) - Cathy Harris
 - A. Information on the organization's focus and history was presented. Board meetings are held once a month. KRB received a Governor's Community Achievement Award in 2013.
 - B. Volunteer opportunities are abundant. Adopt a Road, office help, join a committee, and host a neighborhood clean-up are examples of the opportunities available.
 - C. Introduced programs such as educational programs in schools to educate on recycling, environmental educational scholarship, host a booth at different events, composting classes and community service. KRB completed a project of tree tagging in Pecan Grove Park.
 - D. Handouts provided which also included a 2016 calendar of their activities, Keep Rowlett Beautiful contact information and a print out of their website page.
6. Award Presentation for non-board volunteers.
 - D. Vickers recognized the following volunteers: Lisa Hermann, Gaylynn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Jan Test, Jo Prachyl.



Volunteers who were not present but recognized: Cordell Reynolds, Robert Blakey, Elaine Clemons, Janet Grossie, SCOR, Investing Makes Me Sick, New Century Hospice, Gmac Family Financial, Edward Jones Investments.

7. Continue the development of an action plan for communicating information to seniors.
M. Britt contacted four churches. Darrell Test said his contact with the Methodist Church is supportive and extended an invite to speak with all their senior groups. Pamela Bell presented during a senior luncheon at her church.
8. Update on the Medicare program held September 13, 2016 - Della Vickers
There was a good turnout of approximately 33 participants.
9. Discuss upcoming programs.
 - A. Scam program will be held October 11, 2016 by Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - B. Independent School District presentation is tentatively scheduled on November 8, 2016. Securing a speaker is still in process.
10. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - A. City Council will be appointing board and commission members at the September 20th meeting.
 - B. Council approved for Arts & Humanities to start an art sculpture program. They now have a proposal. The tornado memorial will be placed at Schrade Bluebonnet Park. Working on the beginning of Phase 1 with a goal of having ready for December 26, 2016.
 - C. Judge Lokken is retiring and Council will recognize him during the September 20th meeting for his service to the City of Rowlett for over 26 years.
 - D. October 4, 2016 is National Night Out.
 - E. Tomorrow C. Council approves the budget.
11. Senior concerns.
 - A. D. Vickers shared the board voted for Beacon Harbour to be the recipient of the Senior Friendly Business Award and expressed concern of seeing a decision change being made for Rowlett Rehab.
 - B. Angela Smith provided information on the situation and the error identified. The decision to make the name change was based on this information.
 - C. Shawna Haynes with Senior Care Center explained the connection between Rowlett Rehab and Beacon Harbour. The issue was discussed.
 - D. Darrell Test motion to make this year's recipient both Beacon Harbour and Rowlett Rehab. Susan Bell seconded motion. Approved 5 - 0.
12. Public Input or questions.
Linda Richard rides STAR Transit and she expressed concerned about the hours being reduced. She is unable to get to the RCC before 9am for early morning programs. A. Smith confirmed transportation is provided on Monday & Friday afternoons and Tuesday through Thursday mornings. There are a total of 15 hours a week of transportation service. Larry Beckham asked about the usage of transportation to the library and there appears to be low usage right now. A. Smith will follow up with STAR Transit.



13. Public announcements
 - A. A. Smith announced October 1, 2016 is Diversity Day from 9am - 1pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - B. October 1, 2016 is the Sailboat Regatta at Bayside by Rowlett Chamber Foundation and will benefit Rebuild Rowlett.
 - C. A. Smith mentioned Camp Fear will be held October 28 - 29, 2016 at Pecan Grove Park. If anyone wants to volunteer contact Robert Searle.
 - D. D. Vickers mentioned at next meeting a new chair will need to be elected because she has met her term limit.

14. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.

15. S. bell motioned to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. P. Bell seconded motion. All in favor.

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Della Vickers, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation