



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, October 17, 2016
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Della Vickers, Brownie Sherrill, Rob Rose

Absent: Jerome Grossie, Randy Cherry

Visitors: Larry and Gaylynn Beckham, Linda Richard

Staff: 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 present.
3. Introduction of new members. Administer the Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to the newly appointed members.
4. D. Vickers appointed Brownie Sherrill as a voting member.
5. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016-2017.
 - A. Mike Britt motioned to appoint Pamela Bell as Chair. Brownie Sherrill seconded the motion. P. Bell accepted the nomination. Approved 7 - 0.
 - B. Susan Bell motioned to appoint Michael Britt as Vice-Chair. Charles Gaugler seconded the motion. M. Britt accepted the nomination. Approved 7 - 0.
6. Consider action to approve the September 19, 2016 minutes.
 - A. D. Vickers motioned to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. C. Gaugler seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
7. Animal Shelter Presentation - Maria Martinez
 - A. M. Martinez explained her role in the city which is overseeing the Animal Shelter, Code Enforcement and Waste Management.
 - B. Seniors receive reduced adoption rates and have no registration fees. Discussed the concept of partnering with rescue organizations on getting their animals adopted. Animal Shelter will provide traps for nescience wild life and most are relocated.
 - C. Regarding solid waste if there is anyone who has a handicap there is a handicap service offered. Contact M. Martinez to initiate this special service. No additional cost for this service but it does need to be set up for the route. Renewal negotiations are in process with Waste Management.
 - D. There are four Code Enforcement officers and in the process of hiring a fifth. One officer will be specific to the tornado damaged area. A brief discussion was held on the fence ordinance.
 - E. Questions were asked and answered provided.

8. Senior Program Updates - Angela Smith
 - A. Angela Smith communicated with STAR and the majority of rides are occurring Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They would like to eliminate Mondays and Fridays and increase hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. No riders reported to and from the library. Board members discussed.
 - D. Vickers motioned to change the days of service for STAR Transportation to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm with a 90 day trial.
 - B. Sherrill seconded.
 - Approved 7 - 0.
 - B. Seniors took a trip to the Texas State Fair, riding DART, on October 13th and had a great turnout.
 - C. October 17th seniors will learn about container gardening, coordinated by Patricia Roberts with Developmental Services and taught by Daniel Cunningham, a horticulturist with Water University.
 - D. SCOR Health Seminar on Brain Health will be held October 18th.
 - E. October 24th the Lighthouse for the Blind will provide free eye screenings from 10am - 1pm
 - F. Senior "Boo" Party will be October 31st with prizes for various costume categories and seniors are encouraged to bring a snack.
 - G. November will feature a trip to Waxahachie with tour guide, Rosemary Rumbley.
 - H. Jill Beam is doing a survey to see what additional programs seniors would like offered. Some of the suggestions thus far are bunco, art classes, quilting class, more trips, book club, and Get Energized with Jill class offered 4 times a week.
 - I. J. Beam is working with Rowlett Public Library to begin the book club on November 2nd at 1:00pm. Laura Tschoerner, Library Services Manager, will do a book review.
 - J. J. Beam will show a movie once a month with the first one being Paper Moon. Rose-Mary Rumbley will tell about the making of this movie. The date is to be announced

9. Orientation for newly appointed board members.
 - A. Smith presented information on the board's primary function, information on the agenda, meeting formats, board description, ideas a member is passionate about, and thanking members for their investment of time, energy and passion to be a part of this board.

10. Continue the development of an action plan for communicating information to seniors.
 - M. Britt explained this agenda item to new members. M. Britt has contacted approximately 20 churches and very little positive responses as to speaking with senior groups. C. Gaugler contacted a couple churches but one said they would take a packet to provide to their seniors although not interested in a speaker. If a member needs a packet to provide to a group, contact Aaron Cleaver at the Rowlett Community Centre.

11. Update on the Scam program held September 11, 2016 - Pamela Bell
Approximately 19 participants attended this session. Participants felt the information was Presented was beneficial.

12. Discuss upcoming programs and programs for January through April 2017.
 - A. Independent School District presentation is scheduled on November 8, 2016. A speaker is secured.

- B. Ideas for the upcoming programs to be held on the second Tuesday of each month will include the Health Fair on April 11, 2017. Other future programs decided upon are IRS on January 10th, Meals on Wheels on February 14th, and Estate Planning on March 14th.
13. Set goals for 2016-2017.
Last year's goals were identified to show as a guide and each member was asked to think of goals for this year. Members are to bring their goal ideas to the November meeting.
14. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
No update at this time due to T. Dana-Bashian was not able to be present.
15. Senior concerns.
A. B. Sherrill explained the electric company will waive late fees if a senior isn't able to pay their electric bill when a non-profit assists to help pay. It appears the city water department does not waive fees and wants interest paid. SCOR can assist with seniors who are struggling with paying their electric bill. A. Smith says this topic has been brought to City Manager Office's attention.
B. Larry Beckham voiced concern about SCOR having difficulties getting to speak with City Manager's Office and would like them to be able to speak with the Senior Advisory Board.
16. Public Input or questions.
Della Vickers informed members the Fire Chief comes to speak to this board annually. In preparation for his visit next year he would like questions from members ahead of time so this way he can present information the board is interested in. Members were asked to send questions to D. Vickers.
17. Public announcements
Parks and Recreation web page has a link to the senior newsletter and calendar
18. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.
Discuss this issue of requesting City Council to align their practice with the gas and electric companies in dropping extra fees when nonprofits assist a senior struggling to pay his/her water bill.
19. D. Vickers motioned to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. B. Sherrill seconded motion. All in favor.



Pamela Bell, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation