



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 21, 2016
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Della Vickers, Brownie Sherrill, Rob Rose
Absent: Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie,
Visitors: Larry and Gaylynn Beckman, Perceline Smith, Susan Turek, Otis Marquardt, Verla Marquardt, Joe Turek, Cecilia Sutton, Betty Madden, Linda Richard, Jeff Sheldon, Debby Bobbitt
Staff: Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council liaison; Jill Beam, Recreation Programmer-Seniors; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. The Chair, Pamela Bell, called the meeting to order at 10:0 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve October 17, 2016 minutes.
 - A. Della Vickers motioned to accept as written.
 - B. Rob Rose seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Update on senior transportation program.

Jill Beam reported flu shots are being provided tomorrow if a person has their Medicare card. Tomorrow is lunch bunch. J. Beam elaborated on the movie program to begin Wednesday. Next month there is a shopping trip to North Park, bowling and an ugly sweater contest. Bingo is held every Tuesday and on the 1st Monday of each month. Starting Dec 7th in partnership with the Rowlett Library there will be a book review once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. A Waxahachie trip is scheduled for November 30th although there are no more seats available.
5. Library Department - Philip Barott,
 - A. Senior Book Club is held the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Rowlett Community Centre. Participants may bring a snack to share.
 - B. Hoopla is a new resource the library offers. This provides access to movies, shows, albums, eBooks, etc. How to access this resource was explained.
 - C. STAR Transportation presently provides senior transportation to and from the library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.
6. Senior Citizens of Rowlett (SCOR) - Susan Turek
 - A. A quick overview of SCOR was presented to members. SCOR is a non-profit charity to assist seniors (over age of 55).
 - B. SCOR met with the City Manager to discuss the issue of paying water late fees for the seniors they are financially assisting. Late fees are related to a policy change. The Senior Advisory Board was asked to consider this concern and make a recommendation to City Council. SCOR's funds come from Texas Bingo and shared recipient requirements. Information on the amount of their funds spent towards utilities was shared. Discussion on the issue evolved around possible barriers and in looking for to move forward with addressing



- the issue information on the policy processes will need to be obtained. At that time the Senior Advisory Board can review and consider a recommendation.
- C. S. Turek shared a few stories of persons needing assistance and how they helped. Information on other charities are provided to seniors when SCOR is unable to assist.
- D. Questions asked and answers provided. SCOR will be performing a Christmas show for a local nursing home this year on December 3rd. SCOR is distributing food vouchers for seniors in need from Aldi for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
7. Continue the development of an action plan for communicating information to seniors. Michael Britt contacted 15 additional churches since the last meeting and due to a lack of encouraging responses it does not appear this issue can be resolved by this plan. He has found one church in which a presentation is scheduled.
 8. Update on Independent School District program was held November 8, 2016. Della Vickers said it was a good presentation and there was good attendance.
 9. Discuss upcoming programs:
 - A. January 10, 2017 IRS information will be presented.
 - B. February 14, 2017 will be Meals on Wheels presentation.
 - C. March 14, 2017 will be Estate Planning presentation.
 - D. The Health Fair will be held April 11, 2017.
 10. Set goals for 2016 - 2017.
 - A. Goals were discussed.
 - B. D. Vickers motioned for the 2016 - 2017 Senior Advisory Board goals to be 1) Education for seniors including seminars and fairs 2) Transportation Service and 3) Senior Center Study response and action plan. Susan Bell seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
 11. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - A. City Council appointed Pamela Liston as the new Chief Judge as of October 1, 2016.
 - B. City Council approved an ordinance allowing food service establishments to welcome dogs on their outdoor patios. All participating restaurants will have a dog sticker or sign visible to the public.
 - C. Events coming up:
 - a. Tornado Anniversary Remembrance will be held on December 26th at 4:00pm located at Schrade Bluebonnet Park. The event will serve as an unveiling of a memorial sculpture design.
 - b. Rowlett Strong is conducting a toy drive and holding a Christmas party for tornado-impacted families.
 - c. RETREET will be planting trees on December 10, 2016 for residents who live in tornado path and lost trees.
 - D. City Council approved the purchase of rifle tactical gear for police officers.
 - E. City Council reviewed the city's drainage fee structure. It was determined to keep drainage fee policy the same for residential but the commercial industry structure fee will have some changes with the exception of churches.
 - F. Main Street Fest will be held December 3, 2016 from 3:00pm - 9:00pm
 12. No senior concerns.



13. Public Input or questions.
 - A. Inquiry about a resident being able to release pool water down the alley way. Contacting Code Enforcement was suggested.
 - B. Inquiry about senior transportation. Angela Smith provided a brief history and why transportation is set up the way it is.

14. Decide on a date change for the January meeting due to a holiday.

Martin Luther King holiday falls on the regularly scheduled January 16, 2017 meeting. Della Vickers motioned to change the meeting date from January 16, 2017 to January 23, 2017. Susan Bell seconded motion. Approved 5 - 0.

15. Public announcements
 - A. A. Smith shared the Boards and Commissions Banquet is December 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. located at Rowlett Community Centre.
 - B. Main Street Fest will be December 3, 2016. The event will include Christmas Tree lighting, ceremony, carolers, Lakeshore Symphonic Winds, photos with Santa at Coyle House, children's activities, trail of trees, parade and a special top secret event. Trail of trees will be partnering with businesses, non-profits, churches, etc.

16. Members of the board can request topics for future meetings.

STAR Transportation update requested.

17.
 - D. Vickers motioned for adjournment at 11:24 a.m.
 - S. Bell seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Michael Britt, Vice-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation