



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 16th, 2012

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Della Vickers, Lloyd Copeland, Jerome Grossie, Jerry Daniels, Susan Bell, Fred Cares

Absent: Sue Watkins, Pamela Bell

Staff: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant, Dianne Jones, Recreation Programmer, Angie Smith, Recreation Division Manager.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Motion brought forth by Della to approve minutes with changes from March regular meeting. Jerome G. seconded motion, 5-0 approval.
4. Police Chief W. M. Brodnax was introduced to the board. Mr. Brodnax shared with the board his qualifications and experiences throughout his career. He discussed his vision for his department and a program called the Force Multiplier – a new program where everyone is deputized. It's getting people to realize they can call 911 if someone is in your neighborhood that shouldn't be there. This deters many crimes before they occur; or even catches them in the process of the crime.
 - a. Question was brought forth about the recommendation of cameras, or surveillance equipment. Chief Brodnax shared that their department doesn't make recommendations on products and cannot make recommendations on any particular products.
 - b. Bobbie Jo asked if HOAs come under the police department. Chief Brodnax shared that when there is a neighborhood watch group then the police will come out and give signs to the group.
 - c. Chief Brodnax shared that he would ask if someone from the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) would visit with the board next month to give them more information concerning home checks, handicap parking, etc. VIPS has a citizen training academy that everyone is welcome to participate in. Council member Donna Davis shared that you can learn a lot by attending the 13-week program given by VIPS.
5. Wayne Baxter, Chairman for the Parks Advisory Board asked the Senior Advisory Board to meet and discuss potentially working on a few upcoming projects together; if the board has time and is interested. Wayne invited the Senior Board to visit their next meeting in May.
 - a. The board declined a meeting with the Parks Advisory Board at this time.

6. Bobbie Jo shared that the Health Fair this year was a success. We had over 200 people in attendance with 38 vendors. We need feedback on what we can do to improve for next year.
 - a. Council member Donna Davis suggested we start earlier in the day on a Saturday so more people will have options to be able to do others things.
 - b. Larry stated this was the smoothest event yet. This event is superior to any other health fair.
7. Bobbie Jo shared with everyone that the computer classes are coming up on May 1st with introduction to the internet; this is a very good program. Estate Planning, Trusts, Taxes & Beneficiaries, How to Use a Fire Extinguisher will be on June 4th, Identity Theft and Fraud will be August 28th.
8. Bobbie Jo shared a few upcoming events:
 - a. Diversity Day will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 1-4. This is the third year and is a great event.
 - b. SCOR talent show will be held 6:30 pm on April 20th, at the Methodist Church on Main Street.
 - c. Mother's Day Breakfast will take place at the Community Center on May 8th. The cost is \$2.00.
9. Suggestions for fall programs:
 - a. Susan Bell – Long term care insurance.
 - b. Bobbie Jo – Dallas County Council on Aging.
 - c. Suggestions brought forth about having someone speak on Medicare.
 - d. Bobbie Jo asked if everyone could be ready at the next meeting with names and suggested dates for the program so the board can vote on them at the next meeting.
10. Senior concerns:
 - a. Bobbie Jo asked ^{if} it is allowed to video tape our program for informational purposes, and if Drew would be allowed to video tape these. Donna Davis suggested that she speak with Denise Perrin to find out if this is allowed.
 - b. Larry Beckham stated he would speak with Denise Perrin.
11. Senior budget update reviewed by the board. Motion brought forth by Della V. to accept the budget as is. Lloyd seconded motion, 5-0 approval. Board asked to see the receipts for each budget item, one copy of these receipts to be supplied to Jerry D.
12. Director's Report given by Jermel Stevenson tabled until next meeting.
13. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
14. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 11:20 am.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation