



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 15th, 2014
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Jerome Grossie, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Darrell Test
Absent: Jennifer Morales, Della Vickers, Pauline Dedrick
Visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Beckham, Anna Knight, Terry Grant
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; and Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison

1. The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from August 18, 2014.
Jerome Grossie motioned to accept the August 18, 2014 minutes. Fred Cares seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Award Presentation to non-board volunteers.
 - a. Pamela Bell presented volunteers with certificates of appreciation for their time and efforts assisting with events such as the Health Fair and/or computer classes. Terry Grant with AAA-Texas accepted on behalf of Jack Hornaday; J. Grossie accepted on behalf of Janet Grossie; Darrel Test accepted on behalf of Jan Test; Larry and Gaylynn Beckham accepted.
 - b. For those volunteers who were unable to attend their certificates will be mailed to them.
5. Update on Travel Expo held September 9, 2014.
P. Bell reported 138 people registered for attendance and there were some other attendees who did not sign in so the total number of attendance was slightly higher than 138.
6. Update on Introduction to Computers held September 2 – 4, 2014.
P. Bell reported 8 people attended the first day and 11 people attended the remaining two days of class.
7. Review ongoing programs – P. Bell
 - a. The Medicare Program will be 10/7/14 at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Introduction to the Internet will be 10/7th through 10/9th at the library. L. Beckham mentioned that on the last day of class, 10/9th, the last 30 minutes will cover Facebook. P. Bell reminded that the computer class will release a little earlier for those who would like to attend the Medicare Program.
 - c. Tax Strategies will be held November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. D. Test mentioned if there are any specific questions anyone would like the presenter to cover to please submit to him and he will provide the questions to the CPA.
 - d. Introduction to Excel will be 11/4th through 11/6th.
 - e. Scam Prevention by the Rowlett Police Department will be held 12/2nd at 10:00 a.m.



8. Promote senior activities at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - a. Michael Britt said that himself and Della Vickers met at the Community Centre and found that there are resources of information available for seniors about senior programs. These resources were identified as the Lakeside Leisure, a 2 page pamphlet, and a monthly calendar. These resources are located in the lobby of the Community Centre so in their opinion having a table set up in lobby area reaching out to senior visitors may not be the best use of time.
 - b. L. Beckham made a notation that the Community Centre front desk staff do not always have time to show seniors where to find the information nor able to inquire if customers are aware of senior programs.
 - c. Bobbie Jo Kelly suggested having a hand out of information for those who attend the computer classes. Her explanation is because she encountered people attending the computer class that were not aware there was a Community Centre nor senior programs.
 - d. P. Bell voiced she attends a class at the Community Centre and there were several in that class that were unaware there were senior programs.
 - e. T. Dana-Bashian suggested contacting some of the local churches and requesting opportunities to disperse information to the senior groups to bring awareness. A discussion of how to go about doing this was held.

9. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. Community Investment Program Task Force has been developed to work on potential bond offering. This task force consists of Martha Brown, Rhetta Bowers, James Mosely, Erik Ernst, Diane Lemmons, Waite Ligon, and Jeff Sheldon. One meeting has been held and a 5-6 hour tour is in the process of being arranged to begin to assess the needs.
 - b. There were 2 public hearings that were fairly well attended. These were about the tax rate and budget. City Council votes on these items tomorrow night.
 - c. In relation to the Blacklands Corridor initiative there appears to be a lot of public opinion opposed to the proposed turnpike. Some of the concerns are affiliated with splitting communities, traffic next to neighborhoods, etc. Rowlett has not made a decision of support at this time. There are some concerns with the North Shore access and that a section of Community Park will be affected. The last meeting that was to be held in Lavon had to be re-scheduled because the location could not accommodate the number of people who showed to attend. This new meeting will be held in Rockwall on September 22nd at 6:30pm located at Rockwall High School Performing Arts Theatre.
 - d. The Boards and Commissions handbook is being amended. City Council is proposing that there is only 6 year terms similar to City Council members. Those members who are over 6 years now can be extended to 8 years. Time served as an alternate member is not counted toward the 6 years. D. Test, Susan Bell, B. Kelly were reappointed. M. Britt was appointed to member seat 4. Pauline Dedrick was reappointed as an alternate and Charles Gaugler was appointed as an alternate. There are still 2 open alternate seats.
 - e. National Night Out is October 7th. She encouraged members to participate. There will be city representation at the different locations. Jermel Stevenson added that the Parks and Recreation staff will also be present with the neighborhood activities. He recalls there were about 20 – 24 neighborhoods that participated last year.

10. No senior concerns.



11. Larry Beckham mentioned he has received questions about the difference between SCORE and Senior Advisory Board. He will include information in his newsletter to maybe help with the confusion. T. Dana-Bashian suggested using some of the information from the Boards and Commissions handbook.
12. Public announcements
 - a. J. Stevenson announced the last Movies on Main is September 19th. There were approximately 200 persons who attended the first Movies on Main event.
 - b. J. Stevenson invited each board member to attend the City Council meeting on October 21st where the Parks and Recreation Department will tentatively be recognized for the national accreditation through the Commission For Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.
13. Members of the board can request topics for future meetings.

T. Dana-Bashian suggested an agenda item to be in relation to reaching out to local church senior groups to bring awareness of senior programs.
14. D. Test motioned for adjournment at 10:55 a.m. and J. Grossie seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Della Vickers, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jermel Stevenson".

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation