



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, August 18, 2008 Minutes

Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, Room D
Rowlett, Texas

Members Present: Ken Middaugh, Ceaser Hancock, Stan Grubaugh, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Bobby Wright, Richard Lavender, Clarence James, Ruth James

Visitors: Verla Marquardt, Penny Prieto, B J Middaugh

Staff Present: Heath Olinger, Recreation Division Manager; Jennifer Gomez, Assistant Recreation Division Manager; Katy Corder, Assistant City Manager; Brad Weber, Intern to City Manager's Office, Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Middaugh.
2. A quorum was present.
3. A motion was made by Stan Grubaugh to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2008 meeting as presented and seconded by Ken Middaugh. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Bobbie Jo Kelly had requested the activities that we can do right now list be on this agenda, but it is not.

4. Heath Olinger gave a staff update.
 - Sandy Beffa, Recreation Coordinator, met with the Rockers Group several times and is working on September and October programs. She should have it to Heath today to proof. She will be invited to attend the next Senior Board meeting to share the list.
 - "Citizen Input" cannot be put on the SAB agendas according to the City Secretary because the City Council and Boards & Commission are the only entities that may use that item.

- Jennifer Gomez has been looking into Meals on Wheels programs for Dallas and Rockwall Counties and making calls. They hope to have an answer by the September meeting.
- Heath will research the Hewlett Packard Grant and will report back. He will invite the Information Technology Manager to the September meeting.

Ken asked Bobbie Jo Kelly and Richard Lavender call the seniors whose names were collected at the Festival of Freedom to let them know what is going on with the seniors at the RCC and the Senior Advisory Board.

5. Discuss Senior Housing with guests Eileen Flanagan with Evergreen Senior Living Center, and Janet Loper with Eastfield Community College. (The guests did not attend.)

ITEMS 5 & 6 were discussed at this point.

6. The Chair introduced Verla Marquartt, Penny Prieto and B J Middaugh, Rowlett seniors interested in working with the Board toward getting a Senior Housing and a Center.

The Chair invited comments from the guests, and Penny explained that seniors receive no empathy from younger people on how life changes involuntarily for us with age and on stable incomes. Seniors need no yard work, affordable housing close to shopping, healthcare and transportation.

Stan Grubaugh feels we need to be looking at lease options, rental options, rather than ownership because if the home is a part of a community, the home may revert to the community rather than our families.

Bobbie Jo Kelly reminded the Board about the Evergreen in Rockwall and in Mesquite that are rental units, and might be another option.

There is a senior court off Chiesa south of Highway 66 and north of Miller where mobile homes can be moved in if a vacancy occurs, but no other mobile homes can be put in Rowlett.

The Chair asked if Verla and Penny would like to be on a sub-committee with Stan Grubaugh to formulate a list of priorities for the proposed Rowlett Senior Center to be forwarded to the Bond Committee. All agreed to serve and bring the information back to the Board.


Priorities for a center are:

- Accessibility 8 hours a day
- Drive up to the front door
- Parking spaces for 150/200/day which is ADA compliant

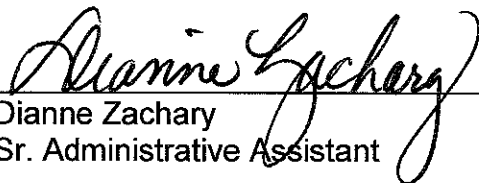
Katie Corder mentioned that a Senior Center was not included in the 2004 Parks and Open Space Master Plan. The Bond Facilities sub-committee is looking at what needs to be included. Land purchase is a part of the package. Katie and Matt Walling are co-liaisons to the bond facilities sub-committee and will share this information from the Board with them.

Ceaser mentioned that grants are still available for a senior center.

7. Recommendation summary for Rowlett Facility Sub-Committee for the Bond Election will be tabled until a future joint meeting.
8. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor taken any action with regard to the announcements.
9. 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.
 - a. Explanation of "Going Green" initiatives by the City. (Stan Grubaugh)
 - b. Report of the Senior Advisory Board Sub-Committee on priorities for a senior center. (Ken Middaugh)
10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Ken Middaugh
Chairman



Dianne Zachary
Sr. Administrative Assistant