



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2017
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Della Vickers, Rob Rose, Jerome Grossie, Brownie Sherrill
Absent: Charles Gaugler, Michael Britt
Visitors: Steve Hanson, Gaylynn Beckman, Larry Beckman
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; Michael Godfrey, Assistant Police Chief

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1. The Chair, Pamela Bell, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 2. Quorum present.
 3. Consider action to approve March 20, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Della Vickers made motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Rob Rose seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
 4. City of Rowlett Police Department - Assistant Chief Michael Godfrey
 - A. Recent scams and fraud in Rowlett were presented. Examples were given such as persons calling as the IRS, calls regarding a family member needing money, door to door solicitors, etc. Solicitors are required to have a permit therefore citizens can ask to see the permit.
 - B. The types of calls the police receive and welcome were discussed. Citizens are encouraged to lock home doors and lock cars and call police if services are needed. Briefly reviewed the process of Rowlett's 911 system. The reason for outdoor warning siren was explained, as well as, what a person should do when one is heard. RAVE alert system sends alerts if the word, Rowlett, is specifically mentioned in a warning. A change was recently made for sirens to sound if "Rowlett" or "Dallas County" is noted. RAVE replaces the Everbridge system.
 - C. A new radio system will be implemented in the summer in which scanners will not be able pick up the transactions. Crimereports.com is back working correctly so it is an option to obtain information. The Police Facebook page is another source for information. There are 81 officers and 25 civilian employees with the Police Department. A couple of their goals this year are 1) to reduce the number of property crime; and 2) Prepare for the growth of Rowlett.
 5. Senior program updates and summer programs.

Angela Smith reported that Celebration Magazine is hosting a trip to Branson, Missouri. A preview of this trip will be held April 17, 2017 at 9:00am. A trip to Dallas Zoo will occur April 19, 2017 and seniors will use the DART rail for transportation. The Lunch Bunch is scheduled for April 25, 2017 at Rowlett Dairy Queen. The month of May will feature another trip to the Dallas arboretum since the last one was cancelled due to rain. Registration for Aqua Motion, the senior water aerobics, has begun. Classes will be on



Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Drumba will be offered at RCC on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am-9:15am.

6. Update on Senior Transportation.
 - A. Angela Smith provided cumulative data for FY16 and FY17 regarding the transportation service. This information included the number of trips, trips to library, hours available, travel, days of service and expenses.
 - B. Contact has been made with DART and a grant has been submitted in the way of taxi vouchers. This will likely help with DART on-call, but only offered in a certain geographic area of Rowlett.
 - C. Members discussed transportation because they will need to make a recommendation to City Council in June.
7. Update on the Health Fair held April 11, 2017.
 - A. There were approximately 225 attendees. This number is an increase from last year.
 - B. Forty-three vendors were registered and three of these vendors did not show.
 - C. Advertisement included flyers, various social media, and Dallas Morning news. It was brought to attention there are more seniors visiting the RCC than last year therefore information being distributed in this fashion.
8. Discuss upcoming programs for Fall 2017.

Information for new programs will need to be submitted by July 1, 2017. The time frame is September, October, and November 2017. Topics should be varied and doesn't need to be the same as last year. One workshop could focus on cell phone apps beneficial for seniors. Another possible speaker is for Financial Planning.
9. Discuss the joint meeting with City Council to be held June 6, 2017.

Members reviewed information they shared with City Council last year and discussed the information to be presented this year.
10. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - A. On April 18, 2017 City Council will look at approving an ordinance adopting bylaws for the Approved Tax Increment Refinancing Zone (TIRZ) project plan and financing plan.
 - B. On April 18, 2017 City Council will consider an ordinance granting two Major Warrants to eliminate each of the minimum height requirements for proposed development on Chaha Road.
 - C. On April 18, 2017 City Council will be considering appointments for various Boards and Commission. There is one proposal to place an individual as an alternate for the Senior Advisory Board.
 - D. On April 18, 2017 City Council will consider a resolution approving a contract for the purchase of property located on Schrade Road. Construction and operation of a radio tower is an integral part of a multi-jurisdictional radio system participation agreement. Federal law called for an upgrade to the existing communication system. The property was purchased in 2006. After construction began in February 2017, it was found the construction was being performed on the adjacent property not belonging to the City. City Council determined the best option was to purchase the lot.
11. No senior concerns.



12. No Public Input or questions.
13. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
No announcements.
14. Board members may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No topics requested.
15. Adjournment.
Susan Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:38 a.m.
D. Vickers seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Pamela Bell, Chair

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation