



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2017
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Della Vickers, Rob Rose, Jerome Grossie, Harold Brody, Brownie Sherrill

Absent: Charles Gaugler

Visitors: Linda Richard, Gaylynn Beckham, Larry Beckham

Staff: Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council liaison; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jill Beam, Senior Programmer

1. The Chair, Pamela Bell, called the meeting to order at 10:01am
2. Quorum was present. Introduction of new alternate board member Harold Brody.
3. Consider action to approve April 17, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Della Vickers made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Jerome Grossie seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
4. Senior program updates.

Jill Beam announced the first session of Water Walking starts on June 5, 2017 from 6:45pm - 7:15pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is also Water Aerobics from 10:00am - 11:00am. The session is \$25 but increases after May 31, 2017. There is a \$6.00 drop in rate. The Arboretum trip is re-scheduled to May 31, 2017. June 16, 2017 will be the Father's Day Pancake Brunch at Rowlett Community Centre from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Winstar World Casino trip will be held on June 22, 2017 from 8:00am - 4:00pm. The potluck and Mother's Day luncheon last week had great turn outs. SCOR seminar is tomorrow at 10:00am and this will be the last one until after the summer.
5. Discuss upcoming programs for Fall 2017.
 - A. Members made a list of suggestions such as Smart phone training for seniors, introduction for seniors to RCC facilities, financial planning, self-defense, transportation options, and Medicare. The top three chosen were 1) Financial Planning in September; 2) Smart phones/apps for seniors and transportation in October; and 3) Medicare Update for November. Tasks were assigned to Della Vickers and Rob Rose for obtaining the presenters.
 - B. In September the board will plan educational seminars for 2018.
6. Prepare and discuss the joint meeting with City Council to be held June 6, 2017. Members reviewed materials to include in their presentation to City Council.

- A. Members discussed presentation information to prepare for the upcoming joint meeting.
 - B. Members discussed the continuation of offering transportation for seniors. Members would like to see funding continue for another 6 months due to new developments such as Evergreen, assisted living, and new apartments coming into the area.
 - C. Mike Britt made a motion to recommend continued funding for STAR Transportation for 6 months. Tammy Dana-Bashian suggested to include a dollar amount of \$40,000. The Chair restated the motion as to recommend continued funding for STAR Transportation in the amount of \$40,000 for 6 months. J. Grossie seconded the motion. Approved 6 to 0.
 - D. In regards to safe access into the Community Centre, a suggestion of purchasing or leasing a golf cart was made. Other factors to consider is having a driver for the golf cart. Angela Smith will research information in regards to insurance and product purchasing. M. Britt made a motion to recommend the purchase a golf cart and request funds for a driver to City Council. Della Vickers seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0 (J. Grossie abstained due to being out of the room at time of vote)
7. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
- A. The final plans for the Green Ribbon funding through TxDOT for landscaping enhancements along State Highway 66 has been approved by Council. TxDOT will replace the irrigation system.
 - B. City Council will administer the Oath of Office for the Associate Judges for the Rowlett Municipal Court at the next Council meeting. Judges are on call 24 hours for 7 days a week.
 - C. Gift cards, totaling in the amount of \$40,000, have been purchased from donations and will soon be delivered to the tornado victims.
 - D. The City is receiving two donated sculptures that will be placed at Fire Station I and Fire Station IV.
 - F. Mayor Gottel recently resigned to pursue campaigning for Dallas County Commissioner. On June 7, candidates may begin to file for the Mayor's seat. If any seated Councilmembers decide to file for the Mayor's seat, that Councilmember will need to resign their seat in order to file, leaving the seat vacant. There will be a special election on August 26, 2017 for the seat of Mayor and if there are any open Council seats.
 - G. New City Council members will be administered the Oath of Office during the May 9, 2017 Council meeting.
 - H. A utility rate study will soon begin.
 - I. There will be an update on the I-30 project from Bass Pro Shop to FM 2642 at the Council Work Session on May 9, 2017.
 - J. DART public community meeting will be held May 25, 2017 at 6:30pm to present a proposal to amend the DART fare structure.
8. No senior concerns.
9. No Public Input or questions.
10. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.



- A. A. Smith invited board members to a community meeting on May 18th at Rowlett Community Centre from 6:30pm - 8:00pm for the Master Plan for hike and bike trail. There is some funding to begin the new plans.
- B. There is a meeting on property appraisals at 6:30pm located at Church in City. There is no cost to attend.
11. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
One topic requested is the possibility of holding a "Meet the Candidates" forum.
12. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the period of May 17, 2017 through September 30, 2017.
- A. Pamela Bell won the election for a City Council seat therefore resigns from this board. Due to this situation a new Chair needed to be appointed.
- B. Michael Britt was nominated as Chairman. M. Britt accepted the nomination. All members present were unanimous in favor of this appointment.
- C. Michael Britt held the Vice-Chairman position and due to being newly elected as Chairman, Rob Rose was nominated as Vice-Chairman. R. Rose accepted the nomination. All members present were unanimous in favor of this appointment.
13. D. Vickers motioned for adjournment at 12:10 p.m.
J. Grossie seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Michael Britt, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation