



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2017
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Della Vickers, Rob Rose, Brownie Sherrill
Absent: Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie, Harold Brody
Visitors: Kathy Hammond, Gaylynn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Jeff Sheldon, Oscar Aranda, Laurieann Dygowski, Debby Bobbitt, Dan Walker
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jill Beam, Senior Programmer; Laura Hallmark, City Secretary; Neil Howard, Fire Chief

1. The Chair, Michael Britt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve May 15, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Rob Rose made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Della Vickers seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Senior program updates.

Jill Beam announced Water Aerobics class is full with a waiting list of participants. Next Tuesday is Lunch Around Town at Applebee's. Winstar World Casino trip will be held on June 22, 2017 from 8:00am - 4:00pm. A SCOR seminar on the Signs of a Stroke will be held June 20, 2017 at 10:00am. Next month the movie event will show Grumpy Old Men. Last week was the Father's Day event and it was sponsored by Oaks at Long Creek.
5. Community Investment Advisory Board presentation - Oscar Aranda and Dan Walker
 - A. The CIAB duties and responsibilities were presented. Capital Improvements were defined and current initiatives were identified. The board is seeking input on project needs from the community. These projects will be discussed and prioritized then recommendations for the next 2018 bond election will be presented to City Council. CIAB uses ranking criteria to prioritize projects and the criteria was shared with board members.
 - B. Senior Advisory Board members were asked to assist with providing ideas on any project needs and how to do get those ideas to CIAB. Later in the process public meetings will be held and attendance is encouraged.
 - C. Status of the 2015 Bond projects can be found on the city website. Presently the 2015 bond projects are in phase 2 of the 3 phases.
6. Rowlett Fire Department- Chief Howard



- A. There is a new fire truck used to help for blocking and it has checker board across the side of the truck.
 - B. The number of calls received, number of inspections completed, number of community outreach events, training hours obtained, and the number of overlapping calls were shared with members. Explained what medic overload is and the number of times this situation occurred.
 - C. The pilot program with Lake Pointe Hospital discussed in previous years has terminated. The department would love to see the service occur again but there is no funding for it.
 - D. Smoke alarm blitz is held twice a year which services citizens in the community.
 - E. A new radio communication system is supposed to be ready to use in September 2017 which means no scanners will be able to access the system. The new radio is digital so messages will be more clear.
 - F. Different persons shared words of appreciation for the departments work within the city.
 - G. Citizens Fire Academy is a great opportunity to learn more about the department. The program meets one day a week for 10 weeks and offered one or two times a year.
 - H. Pamphlets of fire safety for seniors were provided.
7. Recap of the joint meeting held with City Council on June 6, 2017.
Members reviewed materials to include in their presentation to City Council.
- A. M. Britt shared that he thought the joint meeting went smoothly
 - B. Angela Smith suggested if members want to discuss further expansion of offering senior transportation that this be made as an agenda item for the next meeting.
8. Discuss nominations for the Senior Friendly Business Award.
- A. The criteria for the award was reviewed. Members were reminded of last year's award recipients. Members will bring their nominations to the next meeting and in August decide on a 2017 recipient. The award will be presented in September.
 - B. M. Britt expressed he feels there should be a subcommittee. Susan Bell and Rob Rose were appointed. Board members approved these appointments.
 - C. Members briefly discussed the title of this award and that nominations may include organizations and not strictly a business.
9. Discuss the possibility of holding a "Meet the Candidates" forum.
- A. Angela Smith voiced she consulted with the city attorney to find out if there is a conflict of interest with a city board engaging in any type of political realm. The attorney's recommendation is a city board should not host a political function because holding a political forum is beyond the scope of a city advisory board.
 - B. Chamber of Commerce is looking at hosting three forums. Once this information is confirmed it will be shared with members so they will have the opportunity to share with the senior population.

10. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
Tammy Dana-Bashian was not in attendance therefore no updates provided. Although during this time a question was asked in regards to T. Dana-Bashian resigning from City Council to run for Mayor. Angela Smith responded the resignation is presented to City Council on June 20, 2017. There will be a special election on August 26, 2017 for the seat of Mayor and for any open Council seats.
11. No senior concerns.
12. Public Input or questions.
 - A. Jeff Sheldon announced tomorrow morning Senior Citizens of Rowlett will provide a seminar and lunch. The seminar will provide education on identifying stroke symptoms. This event is in conjunction with Baylor Scott White.
 - B. J. Sheldon shared information about West Nile Virus being found in a mosquito in district one of Rowlett therefore spraying was done which kills the adult mosquitos. City of Rowlett received an allotment of Mosquito Dunks from Dallas County to distribute to citizens of Rowlett. They are available for pick up at Development Services starting today.
13. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
 - A. A. Smith said Fireworks on Main will be held July 4, 2017. Bellamy Brothers is the main entertainment. The event is from 6:00pm -10:00pm. Handicap and VIP parking will be located in the Rowlett Community Centre parking lot. Shuttles will be provided.
 - B. Members were asked to remind other seniors of the opportunity to use free senior transportation.
14. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No future topics
15. D. Vickers motioned for adjournment at 11:30 a.m.
Susan Bell seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Michael Britt, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation