



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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

Present: Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Della Vickers, Rob Rose, Brownie Sherrill, Charles Gaugler
Absent: Jerome Grossie, Harold Brody
Visitors: Gaylynn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Debby Bobbitt, Larry Glick, Pamela Bell, Linda Richard, Pamela Bell
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jill Beam, Senior Programmer

1. The Chair, Michael Britt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve June 19, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Della Vickers made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Rob Rose seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Senior program updates.

Jill Beam announced last week there were forty-nine seniors who participated with the trip to Trinity Groves. Water continues to be a full class. This month's Pot Luck was sponsored by Evergreen Senior Center. In August two seminars by the Greater Dallas Chapter Alzheimer's Association will provide speakers for a) Basics of Memory Loss and b) Know The 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters.
5. Tammy Dana-Bashian requested agenda item #8 be moved up on the agenda. Members agreed.

Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.

 - A. Plans for I-30 plans were briefly discussed.
 - B. City Council allocated funds for the Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program with Greater Garland Habitat for Humanity to assist low-income Rowlett Homeowners with necessary repairs. This will be part of the Community Development Block Grant.
 - C. Update on the Public Safety Radio Tower was provided to members.
 - D. The City is working with DART on the parking situation and have priority parking for Rowlett residents. The parking is at capacity but a survey on the license plates for those parking in the lot is being done. After the survey, options will be discussed. There will not be any changes with existing bus stations. A discussion about DART On Call providing services throughout the Rowlett has begun.
 - E. Status of the City of Rowlett's Comprehensive Plan was provided. There were approximately 17 persons appointed to be on a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee as an ad-hoc committee. Rob Rose is one of these members.



- F. FCC Environmental Services will be the new solid waste contractor who begins October 1, 2017. The contract with Waste Management ends September 30, 2017.
 - G. During an annual strategic plan meeting it was identified that City Council would like to have permanent sub-committees. At present three subcommittees (Judicial, Ethics and Intergovernmental Relations) were recommended to be developed. Salary survey completed and reviewed. Working on what to identify projects for the next bond election.
6. Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) presentation - Cathy Harris, KRB Treasurer
- A. The need for volunteers is always needed. KRB's different programs were presented. 1) Adopt a Road is designed to encourage businesses or any group to contribute efforts in maintaining litter-free roadways; 2) Community Service opportunities; 3) Composting Classes; 4) Neighborhood Beautification grants for neighborhoods to beautify their entrances; 5) In-school environmental speakers, Environmental Education Scholarships,
 - B. KRB participates in City of Rowlett events. KRB holds a Great American Cleanup to help make Rowlett prettier and cleaner. The next one will be held on October 14, 2017. In the month of September is paper shredding and electronic recycling. KRB won the Gold Status this year.
 - C. In 2014 KRB was awarded a \$250,000 Governor's Community Achievement Award. In partnership with TxDOT the funds will be used for landscaping projects along Highway 66.
 - D. KRB helped with tornado clean up and with the build of Kids Kingdom playground.
 - E. M. Britt expressed gratitude to them helping with Kids Kingdom and all the positive feedback he hears about this playground. Larry Glick expressed appreciation for the educational component KRB provides.
7. The new Rental Housing Program presentation. Chuck Dumas, Engineer Services Manager and Maria Martinez, Community Service Manager.
- A. City staff are meeting with the various boards and commissions, as well as, stakeholders to seek input on a housing quality standards program and answer questions. Garland has a housing inspection program for rental properties although it has not been received well by stakeholders and others. Due to this Rowlett wants to make the program better. Rowlett is looking to implement the program in October 2017. The program is a property maintenance tool on how to maintain the neighborhoods and help those who rent.
 - B. Rental property standards are to ensure persons live in safe, decent, and sanitary housing. An inspector will enforce property maintenance issues and that rental properties are following codes. Renters will know the city has inspected the rental property prior to occupancy.
- Questions asked and answers provided.
8. Decide on the nominees for the Senior Friendly Business Award.
- A. Members discussed the various businesses/organizations for nominees and decided on the top five candidates.
 - B. Members voted to give two awards this year. 4 to 1 in favor.
 - C. Susan Bell made a motion to appoint Senior Citizens Of Rowlett and Chick-fil-A as the winners for the award. D. Vickers seconded the motion. Before being sent through approval M. Britt requested if the motion can be made on each business separate.



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- D. Susan Bell made a motion to present Senior Citizens Of Rowlett with an award for the Senior Friendly Business. R. Rose seconded the motion. Approved 4 to 1.
 - E. Susan Bell made a motion to present Chick-Fil-A with an award for the Senior Friendly Business. D. Vickers seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
9. Senior concerns.
Debby Bobbitt handed out a flyer promoting the 9th Annual Senior Awareness Day to be held August 4, 2017 from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Richardson.
10. Public Input or questions.
Larry Glick explained the Garland Independent School District (GISD) is in search of a new Superintendent. There will be two public forums this week to assist in obtaining valuable input with this search, therefore members were encouraged to attend. He thanked members for their service to the city. He provided his contact information in case there are any concerns with GISD.
11. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
- A. Rob Rose noted that during the Community Development Block Grant public meeting there was mention of DART passes for senior being requested again.
 - B. L. Glick shared that the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center will open Soon and explained the courses receive real-world experiences and hands-on training. The courses are geared toward juniors and seniors.
 - C. Pamela Bell voiced gratitude to the senior Advisory Board for being involved and active with different city components which has led to Rob Rose being appointed to Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No future topics.
- S. Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:36 a.m.
R. Rose seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Michael Britt, Chair

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation