



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, September 18, 2017**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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**Present:** Michael Britt, Della Vickers, Rob Rose, Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie  
**Absent:** Susan Bell, Harold Brody  
**Visitors:** Karen Cosby, Cecila Sutton, Brenda Gardner, Eugene Monroe, Brownie Sherrill  
**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jill Beam, Senior Programmer; Aaron Cleaver, Business Manager of Parks and Recreation; Rachel Wolpert, Recreation Supervisor

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1. The Chair, Michael Britt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve August 21, 2017 minutes.
  - A. Della Vickers made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Charles Gaugler seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 3 - 0.
4. Senior program updates.
  - A. Jill Beam announced a trip to Winstar Casino will be this week. Drumba class starts this month with demonstrations to be held September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> then actual classes will be offered the following week. On Tuesday Albertsons will be coming to the RCC to give flu shots. October 13, 2017 there will be a trip to the State Fair. Rob Rose will be presenting information on DART and smartphone apps; October 23, 2017 Humana will be presenting on Medicare; Halloween bingo and costume contest will be held at the end of the month.
5. Recognition of volunteers.
  - A. The following persons and businesses were presented with certificates for dedicating their time in helping with seniors in the way of assisting with the Health Fair or providing educational presentations on topics related to seniors or making contributions in way of providing gift cards, food and prizes for senior activities: Carl Burlbaw with Elder Financial Safety Source, Tammy Dana-Bashian, Debbie Rose, Bob Vickers, Gaylyn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Bobbie Brazell with Beacon Harbor, and Cynthia Baxter with Silverado Hospice.
  - B. Those certificates that will be mailed or hand delivered due to individuals unable to be present today are Jan Test, Sharie Meade, Jo Prachyl, Millie West, Marie Smith, Margie VerHagen with Meals on Wheels of Rockwall, Rowlett Donuts, Misty Johns with Rowlett Health & Rehabilitation Center, Broadmoor Medical Center, and Gregory Mitchell with Mitchell Law Firm.

6. Update on the Senior Center Feasibility- Ron Hobbs and Wadona Stich.
  - A. The information from Ron Hobbs Architecture & Interior Design, LLP will be brought back to City Council and to the upcoming CIAB meeting.
  - B. Information used to determine the feasibility study was placed in five categories. These categories are fitness, social, games, education, support space. If money was no object then a total of 28,896 square feet is needed to encompass all needs for a senior center, although it does not include the gymnasium, walking track, nor weight room. Each category was broken down with some basic information regarding flooring such as cushion floor and wood floor for multipurpose; proposing two rooms for the educational space totaling 1800 sq. ft. and this would have the option to be subdivided with folding portions; proposing 2 rooms for games and the ability to sub-divide; social spaces proposed are 2 rooms with a total of 2,100 sq. ft. If a gym is considered then approximately 9,500 sq. ft. would be needed.
  - C. After looking at the existing community centre building and at the building where the library is presently located, the best option for budget is a proposal is to add a wing to the existing Rowlett Community Centre. Maps of existing property was shown which lead to further discussions about parking and walking distance.
  - D. Basic concepts of a separate building were discussed. The estimated cost for construction of a separate building was reviewed. The approximate costs for a separate building were compared to having a wing built to connect to the Rowlett Community Centre. A question was asked is if there will be other alternatives. The size of the building/wing will reduce cost. Next step is to more closely look at the size of the rooms and accurate number of participants.
  
7. Parks and Recreation Department presentation - Aaron Cleaver and Rachel Wolpert.
  - A. Information on the parks and recreation system including the department's focus of tourism, juvenile crime prevention, air and water quality, health benefit services, and property tax benefits was presented.
  - B. The department's mission, budget and economic impact were briefly covered. Each division of the department which is administration, parks, recreation to include special events and Wet Zone were reviewed.
  - C. Briefly spoke of the department's accreditation.
  - D. There is a survey available on line or a person can obtain a hard copy at the Rowlett Community Centre to provide input for the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
  - E. Question asked about the Hwy 66 Green Ribbon funding project and an update on this project was provided.
  
8. Discuss ways to increase ridership for senior transportation.
  - A. The budget was approved to extend senior transportation for another 6 months allowing for more opportunity to increase the number of riders. An opportunity to get information to the new senior center, Evergreen, recently built should be looked at.
  - B. A brief discussion on DART services for seniors occurred. Michael Britt will contact Evergreen to follow up if there is information they could use for their residents to utilize the free transportation.
  
9. Updates from City Councilmember, Pamela Bell.



- A. City Council approved the 2018 budget. There will be a reduction in taxes and the budget includes a raise for city employees.
  - B. The following city staff are no longer with City of Rowlett: Jim Proce, the Assistant City Manager; Marc Kurbansade, Director of Economic Development; and Kim Wilson, Director of Finance.
  - C. FCC will start waste services October 2, 2017. A reminder for residents to use the new blue carts was made.
  - D. The budget was approved for the purchase of a golf cart as well as 20 hours a week for a person to help seniors getting to and from the parking lot to the RCC. The details are not worked out yet.
  - E. New City Council members were sworn in last week Robert Margolis, Brownie Sherrill and Matt Grubisich. Tammy Dana-Bashian, the new Mayor, was sworn in last week too.
10. Senior concerns.  
No concerns.
11. Public Input or questions.  
A. Inquiry about the new apartment complex requesting to be built and a response was provided that City Council did not approve this development.  
B. September 20, 2017 City of Rockwall has their Senior Health Fair.
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.  
Words of appreciation were expressed to Della Vickers and Jerome Grossie since this is their last meeting. D. Vickers has been a member of this board for six years and J. Grossie has been a member for eight years.
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
A. In the October meeting need to include a discussion about the methods to identify and track volunteers throughout the year.  
B. Coverage on educational seminars.
13. Adjournment  
D. Vickers motioned for adjournment at 11:36 a.m.  
J. Grossie seconded the motion.  
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

Rob Rose, Chair

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation