



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, October 16, 2017
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088**

Present: Susan Bell, Patricia Bird, Michael Britt, Virginia Denson, Janie Lossman, Duane Fecher, Pam McKissick, Rob Rose

Absent: Charles Gaugler

Visitors: Veda Kull, Larry Beckham, Gaylyn Beckham, Linda Richard

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Pamela Bell, City Council liaison

1. The Chair, Michael Britt, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Introduction
4. Consider action to approve September 18, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Susan Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Rob Rose seconded the motion.
 - C. Unanimous vote to approve.
5. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - A. Michael Britt was nominated for Vice-Chairman. He accepted the nomination.
Approved 5 - 0
 - B. Rob Rose was nominated for Chairman. He accepted the nomination.
Approved 5 - 0.
6. Library presentation - Phillip Barott
 - A. The Senior Book Club meets every first Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre. Information on the digital resources at the library were presented. One of the new resources is called Brainfuse HelpNow which offers online tutoring and homework help, flashcard sets, online quizzes and games, a homework tracker to organize and arrange assignments and even a writing lab for analysis of students' papers. Live tutors are available every day from 2:00pm to 11:00pm. Another new resource is Brainfuse JobNow which assists for resumes, job interview tips, career assistance. The online live assistance is available from 2:00pm to 11:00pm. OverDrive is a resource for eBooks and eAudiobooks through the NE Texas Digital Library Consortium.
 - B. If there is a need for one on one sessions for assistance on cell phones and computers then appointments can be made.
 - C. Free digital movies, music, and eBooks can be found on Hoopla. Hoopla can be accessed through library website. Hoopla works well on iPhones and iPads.
 - D. Project Gutenberg offers free eBooks that can be downloaded or read online. This is a volunteer effort for upload of classic books;



7. Orientation for newly appointed board members.
Angela Smith presented information about the board including the primary function of the board, what to do as a board member, how to request items for the agenda, different points of interest and annual reporting. Newly appointed members were reminded of the mandatory training video to be viewed by November 15, 2017.
8. Update on Smartphone Apps and DART Info
Michael Britt reported there were 25 in attendance and good information was presented. There were only 2 members from the Senior Advisory Board present for the seminar therefore board members were encouraged to attend future seminars.
9. Senior program updates.
 - A. Brookdale at Club Hill provided sandwiches and desserts for the monthly potluck.
 - B. Senior Citizens of Rowlett will host their monthly seminar on October 17, 2017.
 - C. On October 23, 2017 Humana will present information on Medicare.
 - D. The monthly Out to Lunch Bunch will be at Valentino's.
 - E. Albertson's will provide flu shots this month.
 - F. There will be a feature trip to Dallas on November 17, 2017 and lunch will be at Trinity Groves in West Dallas.
 - G. November 1, 2017 the Carter Eye Care will provide free screenings.
10. Upcoming programs: Medicare to be held November 14, 2017. Identify educational seminars for 2018 and discuss the coverage for those seminars.
 - A. The second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am there is a seminar.
 - B. Presentation topics for January, February, March, and April. Some ideas is Smartphone Use & Android Use, Scams, Crime Watch/Community Policing, AMI - new water system, Meals on Wheels, Emeritus College life enrichment programs, and Surviving Spouse Planning.
 - C. Results are Dallas County Meals on Wheels, Surviving Spouse Planning, Smartphone & Android Use and Health Fair in April. A workshop coordinator will assign the topic per each month.
11. Discuss volunteer tracking and recognition, Health Fair, Senior Workshop Coordinator, and Senior Outreach - Connect Rowlett.
Members were asked to volunteer for some of these tasks. Members would like more information of what consists of each of these tasks then decide next meeting.
12. Begin to discussion on goals for 2017-2018.
 - R. Rose reviewed the goals for last year and requested members to think of goals for this upcoming year. These goals will be affirmed at the next meeting.
13. Updates from City Councilmember, Pamela Bell.
 - A. The TxDOT Highway 66 beautification project is being administered and managed by TxDOT.
 - B. There were approximately 45 applications for the Boards and Commissions and all seats have been appointed members.
 - C. City Council recently did a tour of various project locations within Rowlett.

- D. Evergreen at Rowlett had their ribbon cutting ceremony. There is a waiting list of 100 persons. Evergreen is considering a phase II.
 - E. Rowlett has been ranked #5 in a recent Dallas Business Journal Study entitled "Which North Texas cities have the leanest local governments?"
 - F. Over the past 4 weeks the City of Dallas has collected 1.3 tons of trash from Lake Ray Hubbard. Keep Rowlett Beautiful is working on a program to help keep it clean.
 - G. There have been several committees developed an Ethics Committee to govern City Council, Judicial Review Committee, Intergovernmental Relations, a Youth Advisory Committee, Diversity Commission,
 - H. Positive feedback has been received on the September 30th event by Downtown business owners.
14. Senior concerns.
No concerns.
15. Public Input or questions.
None
16. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
S. Bell mentioned to the new board members about Larry Beckham newsletter and if each would like to receive it then provide email address to him.
17. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No topics
13. Adjournment
S. Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:36 a.m.
Patricia Bird seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation