



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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

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**Present:** Patricia Bird, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Janie Lossman, Pam McKissick, Rob Rose, Susan Bell

**Absent:** Virginia Denson, Duane Fecher

**Visitors:** Linda Richard, Larry Beckham, Gaylyn Beckham

**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

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1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am
2. Quorum was present. Pam McKissick was appointed as a voting member.
3. Consider action to approve November 20, 2017 minutes.
  - A. Pam McKissick made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Charles Gaugler seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Senior Program updates - Jill Beam.
  - A. December 14, 2017 a Holiday Potluck will be held and it was sponsored by Clear Choice Senior Care. Today a seminar will be held on How to Retire Comfortably. Out to Lunch Bunch will meet at Applebee's tomorrow.
  - B. December 21, 2017 there will be a shopping trip to Bishop Arts District in way of using DART for transportation and participants will have lunch at Hunky's Hamburgers. December 29, 2017 a New Year's Celebration will be held at 11:30am and the presenter will focus on new year resolutions.
  - C. The Drumba program was on the front page of the Lakeshore Times.
5. Public Works presentation - Shawn Poe, Director of Public Works and Gary Enna, Assistant Director of Public Works. (Susan Bell and Patricia Bird entered the meeting)
  - A. An overview of the Public Works Department was provided which included the department organizational chart and outlining services the department provides.
  - B. Information on maintaining the city's infrastructure such as the water system, sanitary sewer collection system, storm drainage, streets and alleys, facilities and the fleet division was reviewed. There are 18 facilities, 450 vehicles and equipment, 536 lane miles of streets and 105 lane miles of alleys.
  - C. Public Works assist in managing the city's Capital Improvement Project. Street projects are underway which means areas are under construction. There is a list of the 2015 bond projects and the location to find this list on the city website was indicated as the link on the left side of front page called Interactive Bond Election Map.
  - D. Questions asked about Bayside and what it will require from this department. Questions on the population growth with Terra Logo apartments and how the city



will accommodate the needs. Question about traffic monitoring and flow with the population growing. Answers were provided for questions.

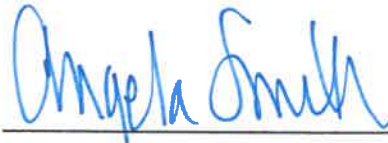
6. Upcoming programs: Meals on Wheels - January 9, 2018; Surviving Spouse Planning - February 13, 2018; Smartphone Use for Seniors - March 13, 2018; and Health Fair - April 10, 2018.
  - A. Angela Smith will get with Jill Beam about making the flyers for the seminars. Patricia Bird will coordinate with Jill as to what information she needs for the flyers.
  - B. Janie Lossman mentioned the title for Surviving Spouse Planning needs to be corrected and called Death Care Planning.
  - C. In January work will begin on preparing for the Health Fair.
7. Presentation on sustainability and new Senior Program fees.

Angela Smith presented information explaining the different fees for senior activities and programs, as well as the free classes and programs. Sustainability for the Parks and Recreation Department was explained. The existing fee structure over this past year was reviewed. The changes for senior programs and fee for services after January 1, 2018 was introduced.
8. Continue to develop the board goals for 2017-2018.
  - A. Members focused on how to increase ridership for STAR Transit shuttle service. A few of the ways to increase ridership is for members to a) Use social media to help advertise, b) Members visit different senior centers in Rowlett to educate them on the service, and c) Members to bring flyers to their own church. Flyers have been delivered to Evergreen and The Oaks but after the new year begins a follow up is recommended with each and to speak with the activities director. Flyers can be requested from Jill Beam for members to bring with them to these activities.
  - B. Planning the objectives for the other two goals will be discussed at the January meeting.
9. Updates from City Councilmember, Pamela Bell.
  - A. City Council will discuss the proposed slate of projects the Community Investment Advisory Board has recommended for the May 2018 Bond Election on December 19, 2018. There are three option packages and one funding option of \$90,000 would require a tax increase. The entire proposal is on the city website.
  - B. Housing Finance Corporation proposing 272 units for seniors. Rick Sheffield will attend the January Senior Advisory Board meeting to speak with
  - C. At the council meeting tomorrow there will be a discussion on amending the ordinance to restrict parking in designated areas of DART Rowlett Station parking lot to permit vehicles during certain days and times. Larry Beckham asked about the proposed designated parking in the DART parking lot for non-Rowlett residents regarding concern of giving a negative message to visitors coming to spend in Rowlett and how this would affect those who live in Rowlett but considered in Rockwall County. A brief discussion was held.

10. Senior concerns.  
No concerns.
  
11. Public Input or questions.  
Linda Richards inquired about the transportation for seniors who need medical errands. Rob Rose shared some of the information on the proposed services for next year.
  
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.  
Angela Smith announced City Council will be discussing the project proposals from CIAB for the 2018 Bond Election. A design to be developed for the addition wing to the Rowlett Community Centre for seniors is included in the propositions.
  
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
Pam McKissick inquired about receiving more information on the new traffic system. A. Smith responded this can be looked at once we know this will be approved and in process.
  
13. Adjournment  
Susan Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:53 a.m.  
Michael Britt seconded the motion.  
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation