



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, January 29, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088**

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

Absent: Charles Gaugler

Visitors: Jim McKissick, Paula Scott, Peter Drummond, Colin Campbell, Claire Campbell, Veda Kull, Barbara Grisell, Jeff Sheldon, Laurieann Dygowski, Brownie Sherrill

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jim Grabenhorst, Economic Director; Daniel Acevedo, Urban Design Manager; Maria Martinez, Community Services Manager.

1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve December 18, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Susan Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Senior Program updates.
 - A. Pot luck will be sponsored by The Oaks at Liberty Grove through December 2018.
 - B. A senior trip to Fort Worth Sundance Square will occur on February 15, 2018 and the mode of transportation will be DART.
 - C. Valentine's Day lunch & movie will be held on February 14, 2018.
 - D. Mardi Gras Party will be held on February 19, 2018 at 11:30am.
 - E. El Centro is the location for this month's Lunch Bunch on February 27, 2018.
 - F. Presentation on Alzheimer's Disease will be held this month.
5. Housing Finance Corporation presentation - Rick Sheffield - President, Board of Directors
 - A. History, mission statement, benefits and basic information on the Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) was presented to members.
 - B. Information about Savannah at Lakeview Senior Living was shared. This is an independent senior living community that offers designed one and two-bedroom floor plans with many common area amenities. This facility is restricted to seniors, age 55 and better. Caregivers are permitted. Ground breaking will occur in March 2018 and will take approximately 18 months to complete. Opening of the facility looks to occur during the 4th quarter of 2019. Marketing will advertise with City of Rowlett residents first. Rise-residential.com website has a registration form available to consumers to access.

6. Economic Development and Development Services Presentation - Jim Grabenhorst, Maria Martinez, Daniel Avedeco.
 - A. A new director for Development Services has been hired and will start soon.
 - B. Economic Development's mission and vision were shared with members. Reviewed Rowlett's profile was reviewed such as 62,000 in population, median household income is \$83,088, average home value is \$162,100, sales tax revenue \$6,900,000 and property tax ratio is 80% residential and 20% commercial. Information about diversifying Rowlett's tax base which also includes the workflow in and out of Rowlett was presented. On the city website a new website page is available based on Economic Development projects.
 - C. Key projects:
 - 1a) Update on Bayside is that most of the work is taking place on the north side and a new lead developer has been involved for the south side. Work on the road ways is in process, therefore environmental studies are being done since the new bridge structures go over the lake. Presently the start date is 2021 but they will strive for 2020.
 - 2a) Update on the North Shore Commercial District is the zoning districts are approved. The target industry and business recruitment strategy is ongoing.
 - 3a) The Downtown Village project held a market event and since it was a success more of these events will be planned. Residents have begun to move downtown. Parking situation downtown was briefly discussed.
 - 4a) Update on Harmony Hills is Phase 2 is in process and this multi-family unit should be ready by summer 2019.
 - 5a) Update on Homestead at Liberty Grove is that the Phase 2 plans have been submitted and the development will likely be this summer.
 - 6a) Update on Baylor Scott & White Medical Center is that Lake Pointe broke ground. The benefits for this expansion were covered.
 - 7a) Update on Terra Lago project is the development is in final phases which include landscaping, lighting, etc. Still working on the trail and grand stair case.
 - 8a) Evergreen at Rowlett project is complete and the units are filled.
 - 9a) Retail has expanded such as Sprouts, El Pollo, Bankhead Brewing Co, Chipotle, and more to come such as Hat Creek Burger Company.
 - D. Realize Rowlett 2020 vision and the strategy to diversify was presented. Detailed zoning documents can be found on the city website on the Realize Rowlett 2020 page.
 - E. Permit activity for past two years was presented and highlights of the Rental Housing Standards Program were covered.
7. Update on Meals on Wheels seminar held January 9, 2018.
Rob Rose reported 30 persons attend this seminar. Positive comments on the great attendance including the board members. Excellent feedback on the presenters.
8. Upcoming programs: Death Care Planning will be held February 13, 2018 and will cover information on what to do and how to cut some of the costs related to funerals; Smartphone Use for Seniors is scheduled for March 13, 2018 and participants are encouraged to bring their phone; and Health Fair is scheduled for April 10, 2018. Planning for the Health Fair will begin next month. This will conclude programs for



the Spring. There are no seminars schedule during the summer months, although programs for the Fall will need to be decided in July.

9. Discuss the Senior Outreach Coordinator tasks.
 - A. Charles Gaugler volunteered to be responsible for this role but after reaching out to Beth English, Dispatch Director, he found there was more involved with computers than he is comfortable. Shelly Monroe met with B. English to review the process and system for the messages. A decision was made that C. Gaugler can email Parks and Recreation staff then staff will set up the call out.
 - B. Since C. Gaugler is absent, Shelly Monroe will contact him to inquire if he is still interested in this role with this change. If he isn't interested then Janie Lossman volunteered to be the coordinator.
10. Continue to develop goals for 2017-2018.
 - A. Communication with Rowlett residents on senior services. The objective is to look at the possibility of an insert to be included with a utility bill.
 - B. Education for seniors to include seminars and health fair. Objectives are 1) schedule monthly seminars and 2) Plan for a health fair.
11. Updates from City Councilmember, Pamela Bell.
 - A. On December 9, 2017 City Council, along with others, assisted with Rowlett RETREET II to replenish trees lost during the 2015 tornado.
 - B. Grant for a replacement of the traffic management system along Hwy 66 has been received. Rowlett pays for the design but the grant covers the rest of the project.
 - C. The Beautification Project along Dalrock Road should be completed in October.
 - D. Recognition of veteran William Turner was made at the January 16, 2018 meeting. and then alternate a pet at the shelter
 - E. Mayor gave the annual State of the City Address and if anyone missed it the video can be view by going to the city website.
 - F. The Strategic Plan committee and the Comprehensive Plan committee has a joint meeting tomorrow night at 7:00pm located in the City Hall conference room.
12. Senior concerns.

No concerns.
13. Public Input or questions.
 - A. Question on the Rental Housing Standards Program in which Maria Martinez provided an answer.
 - B. Questions on the HFC in which Rick Sheffield provided answers.
14. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
 - A. Rob Rose mentioned if Senior Advisory Board members would like to take a tour of the Gilbreath-Reed Career and Technical Center this can be arranged. Several members voiced they are interested.
 - B. Rob Rose announced Duane Fecher resigned from this board because he is moving out of state.
 - C. Mike Britt shared former board member, Bobbie Joe Kelly, is not doing well health wise.



15. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
Pam McKissick requested a better understanding of reading the new utility bill.
Angela Smith responded that the Finance Department will be presenting information next month and this topic can be included.
13. Adjournment
A. Susan Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:40 a.m.
B. Patricia Bird seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Rob Rose, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation