



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, May 21, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088**

Present: Patricia Bird, Virginia Denson, Janie Lossman, Pam McKissick, Rob Rose, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler

Absent: Susan Bell

Visitors: Linda Richard, Jim McKissick, Mike DeLatte, Chris Bunkoff, Laverne M, Betty Madden, Brenda S.

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rachel Wolpert, Recreation Supervisor

1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve April 16, 2018 minutes.
 - A. Patricia Bird made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Discuss the formation of a 501(c)3 and appoint a Senior Advisory Board member - Mike DeLatte
 - A. The closure of PARDners 501(c)3 has triggered plans to start a new one and this was explained to members. Mike DeLatte is working on this development and would like to involve other board members to create a nice umbrella. This helps with City of Rowlett to partner with this new 501(c)3 for grants and donations.
 - B. Michael Britt voiced interest to be a part of the new 501(c)3. Charles Gaugler nominated Michael Britt to be appointed to the new 501(c)3 and Patricia Bird seconded the motion. Approved 4 - 0.
5. Discuss the City Council joint meeting scheduled for June 19, 2018.

A draft of the presentation was reviewed. Members agreed upon the 2017-2018 accomplishments, goals for 2018-2019, budget requests and future concerns. After discussion on the budgetary item, Michael Britt made a motion to request \$10,000 for the DART Day Pass Vouchers for the next fiscal year. Charles Gaugler seconded the motion. Approved 4 - 0.
6. Senior Friendly Business Award nomination list.

This is the time for members to provide suggestions for the nominations to Michael Britt who is compiling the list. At the next meeting the list will be presented to this board for review.
7. Senior Program updates.



- A. Rachel Wolpert stated she is still working on filling all the fitness instructor positions, although a certified instructor is still needed for Get Energized and a line dancing instructor. The new certified instructor for Drumba has begun classes with a limit of 10 participants. There is an instructor for Tap Class. Board members were encouraged, if someone they know can teach classes, to inform Rachel Wolpert or Jason Aguirre.
 - B. Last week the Mother's Day Brunch was held and described as a big success. The Father's Day Breakfast will be sponsored by Iris Memory Care in June at 8:30am. On August 3, 2018 there is a trip planned to Waxahachie.
8. Updates from City Councilmember, Pamela Bell.
- A. 2018 Bond Election was held and all three packages were passed and elaborated.
 - B. The Memorial and Touch-A-Truck Event will be held May 26, 2018 from 10am - 1pm at Rowlett Community Centre.
 - C. Peace Officer Memorial Service was held May 15, 2018 at Veteran's Park for National Police Week. The service was described as nice and with good attendance.
 - D. Rowlett Citizen's Academy is set to begin August 30, 2018 from 11:30am until 2pm. The next Citizen's Police Academy is already full and a new one will not be held until next year.
 - E. Spirit of Rowlett Award was presented by City Council. This award is to publicly recognize ordinary residents doing extra-ordinary things in the community. Any Rowlett resident can nominate someone. Information can be found on the city website.
 - F. Wet Zone opened this past weekend.
 - G. Fireworks on Main Street will be held July 4, 2018 behind Wet Zone.
 - H. Comprehensive Steering Committee is still working on items. Special thanks were verbalized to members who completed the surveys.
 - I. Two new commissions, Rowlett Diversity Commission and Rowlett Youth Advisory Council (RYAC), are being developed. Interviews for RYAC are at the end of this month and interviews for Diversity Commission will be held at the end of June since application deadline is June 15, 2018.
 - J. A farmer's market will take place every other Thursday beginning May 31st from 4-8pm. This will be scheduled through September.
 - K. Library reopens on June 6, 2018.
 - L. Paddle Point Park has reopened with some renovated features.
 - M. Mayor's Spotlight is a monthly newsletter that is posted on the city website and helps to keep citizens informed.
 - N. Board members were encouraged to participate in attending events and activities to represent the seniors.
9. Senior concerns.
No senior concerns.
10. Public Input or questions.
- A. Larry Beckham inquired about senior programs being held at Coyle House since the golf cart can help transport as well as the house isn't utilized frequently.
 - B. Linda Richard asked question about the start time of the Senior Advisory Board's joint meeting with City Council. Angela Smith provided an informational response.



- C. Questions on the possible DART voucher request.
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- 11. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
 - A. Charles Gaugler shared an experience he had at a forum he attended.
 - B. Rowlett.com is changing on June 4, 2018 and Angela Smith explained.
 - C. Charles Gaugler asked about the maintenance of Hwy 66 project and how it affects the city. Angela Smith provided an answer.

 - 12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
 - A. Rob Rose requested Life Message to present service information to this board.
 - B. Rob Rose requested Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) to present to this board. He was informed KRB is scheduled to present in July.
 - C. Patricia Bird asked to further discuss the Health Fair plans for next year.

 - 13. Adjournment
 - A. Michael Britt motioned for adjournment at 11:50am.
 - B. Patricia Bird seconded the motion.Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation