



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, July 16, 2018**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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

**Absent:**

**Visitors:** Linda Richard, Jim McKissick, Dawn Dorman, Chris Bunkoff, Chris Kassar

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

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1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:02am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve June 18, 2018 minutes.
  - A. Susan Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) presentation.
  - A. Mrs. Cathy Harris shared a brief history on the organization then reviewed their different programs such as Adopt-A-Road, Community Service, Composting Classes, Neighborhood Beautification Grants, In-School Environmental Speakers, and Environmental Education Scholarships.
  - B. KRB is invited to several events and a list of these events was shared with members.
5. Life Message Presentation.
  - A. Chris Bunkoff explained Life Message's strategic plan for additional programs and services. Life Message serves approximately 716 senior citizens. Programs offered are senior nutrition classes, bystander CPR classes, Medicare boot camps, disabled American Veterans benefits assistance, weekly fitness classes, monthly nutrition classes at Evergreen, and fun things such as Latin Salas nights, ballroom dancing and photography. These are free services for seniors
  - B. In the strategic plan there will be expansions for senior programs and services such as food pantry, medical/dental/vision clinics, financial planning, nutrition and fitness. There will be some services on site, but some services will be off site.
  - C. They have a Seniors Advisory Committee who meets bi-monthly. Members were encouraged to follow on the website and Facebook page which is updated regularly.
  - D. Chris Kassar stated Life Message has outgrown the existing building, therefore looking for a new location. There are hopes to disclose the future location by end of the year. The existing stores will not relocate.



- E. Financially, Life Message relies on fundraising, churches, grants, recycling, volunteers, and various food businesses.
6. Outline specifics of the potential DART Pass Program.
    - A. A list of recommendations on how these DART passes will be distributed to seniors needs to be decided.
    - B. The idea is to purchase several packs of regional day passes. One packet contains 10 regional day passes for \$36. Dawn Dorman explained the difference between the pass packets compared to individuals purchasing a pass. Information on GoLink was passed out.
    - C. After discussion the following were identified as recommendations: 1) Rowlett citizens at least age 60 and up; 2) Show a driver's license or photo ID in person; 3) Maximum number of vouchers per person per a month is 15 vouchers and can obtain maximum of 5 per transaction. Passes will need to be picked up at Rowlett Community Centre (RCC). Persons do not have to be RCC members to get passes. Members were in unanimous agreement.
    - D. Rob Rose made a motion to set the criteria for DART passes if funding is approved as 1) Rowlett senior must be age 60 or older; 2) Driver's license or photo ID must be presented at the time of pick up; 3) The maximum number of vouchers per person per month is 15 passes and an individual may only retrieve 5 passes at a time. Michael Britt seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
    - E. This information will be presented to City Council and if funding is approved, then the board can be updated quarterly.
  7. Discuss volunteer recognition.

Susan Bell shared a draft list of volunteers to be recognized in September during a Senior Advisory Board meeting. Members had an opportunity to review the list and make additions.
  8. Senior Program updates.

Rachel Wolpert stated the chair volleyball program begins this week. Next week senior self-defense classes will begin, although in August this class will need a punch card. August 1, 2018 the new Lakeside Leisure will be released, and members were encouraged to get one to see all the programs and times. The Waxahachie trip cost is \$20 and there are a few spots still open.
  9. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
    - A. The dedication for the tornado memorial at Schrade Blue Bonnet will be held August 5, 2018 at 9am.
    - B. Farmers Market is held every Thursday although it was rained out this past week.
    - C. Newsletter, Friday @ 5, is published weekly on city website to provide updates on operations, projects and items of interest.
    - D. Applications for Boards and Commissions are being accepted and the deadline is August 14, 2018.
    - E. Repair work continues on the streets and alleys.
    - F. Attendance for the 2018 Fireworks on Main was approximately 12,000.
    - G. A Senior Awareness Conference will be held August 3, 2018 from 9am-1pm at the Grandville Art Center in Garland.



10. Senior concerns.  
No senior concerns.
11. Public Input or questions.  
A question about STAR Transit related to the contract ending September 30, 2018 and to places in Rockwall County was asked. Angela Smith replied if the transportation relates to the Rockwall county contract with STAR Transit then it has nothing to do with Rowlett contract.
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.  
None
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
None
13. Adjournment  
A. Susan Bell motioned for adjournment at 11:40pm.  
B. Patricia Bird seconded the motion.  
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Rob Rose, Chair

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation