



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, August 20, 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, Chris Bunkoff, Gaylnn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Brownie Sherrill, Cecila Sutton, Veda Kull, Debby Bobbitt

**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Elise Bowers, Neighborhood Life Advocate; Brian Funderburk, City Manager; Ricky Harris, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager; Paul Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Mark McAvoy, Assistant City Manager

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1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve July 16, 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. City Manager Office's presentation.
  - A. Brian Funderburk, City Manager, shared information on the FY2019 Budget highlights and the budget process. The proposal to reduce the tax rate in FY2018 and the reasoning was explained. The property tax rate by taxing entity was shown. How the emergency response is figured into the tax rate was identified. The FY2019 budget priorities and the key themes that guided the development of the proposed budget were listed. Public hearings are scheduled for Aug 21, 2018 and Sept 18, 2018 for public engagement opportunities.
  - B. Other items covered were stewardship, Realize Rowlett 2020 plan which is being revised, and strategic partners.
  - C. The 2018 Bond Election results were briefly reviewed. Strategies related to the city growing are being discussed and were reviewed.
  - D. Elaborations on the future of City of Rowlett were made.
5. Scarecrows on Main.
  - A. Elise Bowers introduced herself and announced the Citizen's City Academy starts September 6, 2018. Will be held on Thursdays beginning at 11am to 2pm for 12 weeks.
  - B. Rowlett's Neighborhood Life is hosting Scarecrows on Main which will begin in October. Photos of scarecrows from last year were shown. The type of spaces available were identified. This is open to all the community non-profits, businesses and residents. Parks Advisory Board was encouraged to participate. The registration information will be posted on city website and advertised on social media soon. The



scarecrows can begin to be put up on October 7, 2018 with set up completed by October 13, 2018. They will remain up throughout the month of October.

6. Senior Program Updates.
  - A. Ricky Harris shared that the trip to Trinity River Audubon Center will happen on 9/7<sup>th</sup>. A trip Around Dallas is scheduled for 10/16<sup>th</sup>. The Halloween Party will be held on 10/31<sup>st</sup> at the RCC.
  - B. Chair volleyball is underway. The self defense class has begun. A senior stretch class will begin on September 7, 2018.
  
7. Upcoming programs.
  - A. DART Services will be held September 11, 2018 and presented by DART.
  - B. Library Services will be held October 9, 2018 and presented by Rowlett Library.
  - C. Home Defense - Eyes of Rowlett Program will be held November 13, 2018 and presented by Rowlett Police Department.
  - D. Reminder that the time for these seminars is 1:00pm-2:00pm.
  
8. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
  - A. The dedication for the tornado memorial at Schrade Blue Bonnet will be held August 25, 2018 at 9:00am.
  - B. Terra Lago building 1 is accepting applications for residents. Scenic Point Park trail is not open yet.
  - C. Boards and Commissions will be interviewing new applicants the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. Library Book Club held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at RCC.
  - E. Police Academy begins next Thursday and there may be a couple spots still available.
  - F. Council will be meeting with a company called Crystal Lagoon.
  - G. Primrose Lane will be holding a big celebration on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.
  
9. Senior concerns.

No senior concerns.
  
10. Public Input or questions.
  - A. Linda Richard and Cecila Sutton asked questions regarding senior transportation being terminated and the DART vouchers. Angela Smith explained the process and will begin October 1, 2018. Rob Rose provided additional information on DART passes for seniors.
  - B. Chris Bunkoff with Life Message shared they will be hosting a new educational series on cancer starting September 25, 2018. These are in addition to other classes being offered.
  
11. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
  - A. Angela Smith announced on September 4, 2018 during City Council meeting the presentation for acknowledging Life Message for Senior Friendly Business Award will be held.
  - B. Susan Bell stated SCOR is holding a program on Strokes tomorrow at 10:00am.



12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
None
13. Adjournment
  - A. Michael Britt motioned for adjournment at 11:10am.
  - 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