



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, September 17, 2018**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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**Present:** Patricia Bird, Virginia Denson, Janie Lossman, Rob Rose, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler  
**Absent:** Pam McKissick, Susan Bell  
**Visitors:** Linda Richard, Gaylnn Beckham, Larry Beckham, Cecila Sutton, Veda Kull, Karen Cosby, Rowlett Donuts, Wayne Baxter, Cynthia Baxter, Brownie Sherrill, Debby Bobbitt  
**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rachel Wagner, Recreation Supervisor; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison

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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 August 20, 2018 minutes.
  - A. Charles Gaugler made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Recognition of volunteers.
  - A. Rob Rose presented the following persons with recognition certificates for volunteering with the Health Fair: Larry Beckham, Debbie Rose, and Veda Kull. Others who were not able to be present today were Sharie Mead, Jim McKissick, Mike O'Quinn and Marie Smith.
  - B. Rob Rose presented the following for volunteering their time as presenters for the educational seminars: Jim Bates for Death Care Planning, and Wayne Baxter who provided some assistance with the Death Care Planning. Karri Hooper with Meals on Wheels was unable to be present.
  - C. Rob Rose presented two businesses who were nominated in the top three for the Senior Friendly Business Award 2018: Silverado Hospice/Cynthia Baxter and Rowlett Donuts.
5. Parks and Recreation Department presentation.
  - A. Aaron Cleaver presented information on the department's focus of tourism, juvenile crime prevention, air and water quality, health benefit services and property tax benefits.
  - B. Department accreditation was explained.
  - C. CIP project update was given, as well as the 2018-2019 project schedule.
  - D. The new Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trail Master Plan is on the city website for all to view. The process and how the plan helps the department was briefly explained.
  - E. DART On Call services - DART passes can start to be picked up September 27, 2018 but can't not be used October 1, 2018. Members were reminded that the maximum of 5 passes per a week with a maximum of 15 passes per a month is allowed by each person.



Each person is responsible for their own passes and how the passes are used. The last day STAR will run is September 27, 2018. DART is possibly changing from passes to cards in 2019. This board will re-evaluate the service soon.

- F. Team building for staff is ongoing and team retreats are scheduled later in the year.
  - G. Recreation programs include youth and adults such as flag football, soccer, basketball, home-school physical education classes, pre and post-natal yoga. New senior programs such as Drumba, chair volleyball, etc. are offered.
  - H. The special events upcoming are International Festival on October 6, 2018 located downtown; Camp Fear will be held October 26-27, 2018; Veteran's Day will be held November 10, 2018 at Veterans Park; and lastly the Main Street Fest on December 1, 2018 and the parade on December 8, 2018. A new activity planned is 12 Days of Christmas which will run November 27, 2018 through December 8, 2018. The trail of trees will be moving downtown.
6. Senior Program Updates.  
Rachel Wagner reiterated the plans for the DART passes. Tomorrow flu shots will be offered from 8:00a-10:00a; Free vision screening will be offered October 2, 2018 from 9:00am-12:00pm; Trip to Dallas Museum of Arts and aquarium will be on October 16, 2018; and October 18, 2018 is a trip to the State Fair.
7. Update on DART Services held September 11, 2018.  
Patricia Bird reported there were approximately 50 persons in attendance. Due to the large number of persons wanting to register for senior services not all persons had the opportunity to register for senior discounts. This is not related to the DART passes that RCC will distribute for seniors. Additional registration times are in the process of being scheduled.
8. Upcoming programs.  
A. Library Services will be held October 9, 2018 and presented by Rowlett Library.  
B. Home Defense - Eyes of Rowlett Program will be held November 13, 2018 and presented by Rowlett Police Department.
9. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.  
A. City Council will be appointed/reappointed to Boards/Commissions during the meeting tomorrow. There are still open seats for the Senior Advisory Board.  
B. City Council votes on the budget tomorrow. There will be a reduction of a 2-cent tax.  
C. North Texas Municipal Water District is going to cut 5 cents.  
D. City Council went to Humble, Tx to look at their crystal lagoon then Martha Brown and Tammy Dana-Bashian went to Florida to view the larger lagoons.  
E. A housing development is going up in Woodside.  
F. She traveled through Hwy 66 into Garland to test the timing of the red lights. She found by going the speed limit she did not get stopped by any red lights.  
G. If anyone lives near Silverlake the opening of the road will be discussed at the upcoming City Council meeting.  
H. The Animal Shelter is offering free cat spaying.  
I. Words of appreciation were expressed for the outgoing board members such as Pam McKissick, Charles Gaugler and Janie Lossman. Angie added additional words of thanks.

10. Senior concerns.  
No senior concerns.
  
11. Public Input or questions.
  - A. Linda Richards mentioned the information presented during the DART seminar was confusing. Michael Britt concurred. Angela Smith recommended persons to always contact DART for specific assistance. Rob Rose suggested we consider a different DART seminar for the educational sessions in the springtime.
  - B. Ceclia Sutton thanked Rob Rose for all the information that was posted on Facebook.
  
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.  
Rob Rose stated the Rockwall Health Fair will be held this Wednesday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.
  
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
Future seminar topics.
  
13. Adjournment
  - A. Charles Gaugler motioned for adjournment at 11:29am.
  - B. Patricia Bird seconded the motion.  
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation