



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 18, 2019  
City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088

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**Present:** Virginia Denson, Rob Rose, Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams, Veda Kull, Karen Cosby, Susan Bell, Patricia Bird, Chris Del Regno

**Absent:** Michael Britt

**Visitors:** Darrell Test, Brownie Sherrill, Whitney Lanning

**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rachel Wagner, Recreation Supervisor; Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison; Vlad Steere, Budget Officer

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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 January 28, 2019 minutes.
  - A. Susan Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Veda Kull seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Finance Department presentation. (Patricia Bird and Kenneth Williams entered)
  - A. Vlad Steere provided a brief description of the department organization and responsibilities. Some of the responsibilities are budget development and management, annual audit, purchasing process oversight, and utility billing management.
  - B. The budget development cycle was explained. The month of March is the kick off for the budget review and in September City Council adopts the budget and tax rate. Included in the budget are property and sales tax revenues and utility bill revenues.
5. Senior Program Updates.
  - A. A trip to Paragon Casino in Marksville, La will be from August 28-30, 2019. This will be an overnight trip and 40 participants are needed. Registration will open April 1, 2019.
  - B. Lunch Around town is February 26<sup>th</sup> at El Jefe for 11:30am; March 22<sup>nd</sup> is the trip to South Fork Ranch and there are only 2 openings left.
6. Follow up on Senior Scam seminar held February 12, 2019. Patricia Bird reported there were 32 attendees. The information presented was good and useful. Members agree the afternoon time appears to allow more persons to attend these seminars.



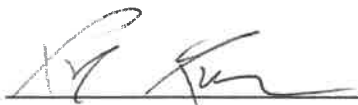
7. Upcoming programs.
  - A. Get Your House in Order will be held March 12, 2019 by Lindsey Tanner. The flyer is available in member folders and will be emailed today so members can advertise for the seminar.
  - B. Topics for seminars to be held in the fall are due May 20, 2019.
8. Continue preparations for the upcoming Health Fair.
  - A. The Health Fair will be held on April 9, 2019 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
  - B. Virginia Denson reported forty vendors were sent information and twenty-one have accepted the invitation to participate. There appears to be several turnovers with some of the vendors. Contact will be initiated with those on the waiting list. A sign-up sheet for board volunteers was passed around.
9. Update on the task for Frequently Asked Questions.

Alberta Reese put together a list of questions. Members would like to see the finalized list posted on the FAQ on the Resident link of City of Rowlett website. This list of questions will need to be compared to existing questions already on the website then answers for the remaining questions will need to be developed then verified for accuracy.
10. Update on the revision of senior Resource Guide.

Veda Kull presented the revised list. Members reviewed the list and made suggestions. Once this list is finalized it will replace the existing one on the city website.
11. Continue discussion the AARP's Network of Age Friendly Community.

Rob Rose encouraged members to read the AARP's Network of Age Friendly Community magazine. No members have sent the department any photos of missing sidewalk connections for senior mobility. If pictures are submitted the address or name of a place should be provided.
12. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
  - A. City Council election will be held May 4, 2019 and any runoff elections will be on June 8, 2019. Early voting starts April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - B. City Council approved a new art structure to be placed at Fire Station #3 and one at Veterans Park.
  - C. Animal Shelter will have a low-cost vaccination event on March 3, 2019 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.
  - D. Members were encouraged to nominate persons for the Spirit of Rowlett award. Information can be found on the city website.
  - E. AMI provides real-time water usage. The system reads every hour, so you can spot potential leaks. More information can be found on the city website. Rob Rose shared his own experience with using this tool.
  - F. If members receive questions about pot holes, refer persons to the Community Action Center.
  - G. Tomorrow is City Council meeting and members are always welcome to attend.

13. Senior concerns.  
No senior concerns.
14. Public Input or questions.  
No public input.
15. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
  - A. Rob Rose stated the Rowlett Baby Boomers Facebook group is taking a DART trip on Friday to the African American Museum.
  - B. Rob Rose said there are volunteer opportunities to help with the Rowlett Farmers Market with assisting vendors. There will also be a fall and spring main Street Market in need of volunteers. Contact Elise Bowers with Neighborhood Life regarding both events.
  - C. Angela Smith shared the Cardboard Boat Regatta will be on April 27, 2019. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will enter a boat again this year and challenging other boards to enter a boat.
  - D. Easter events will be held on April 13 and April 14, 2019.
16. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
No topics requested.
15. Adjournment  
Susan Bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:15am.  
Patricia Bird seconded the motion.  
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation