



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 2019
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Virginia Denson, Rob Rose, Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams, Veda Kull, Karen Cosby, Chris Del Regno, Michael Britt

Absent:

Visitors: Brownie Sherrill, Linda Richard, Lavergne McKenzie

Staff: Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager

1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve May 20, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Veda Kull made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Michael Britt seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Follow up on the City Council Joint meeting held June 4, 2019. (Susan Bell and Patricia Bird entered)
 - A. Rob Rose contacted Susan Williams, AARP Education and Outreach Director, and she provided good information, as well as offered to speak to this board. She is currently working with the City of Dallas. Consideration made to invite her to the October meeting since the new board will be present and will have the information moving forward to set goals for 2019-2020. This board can have a voice and this board may need to divide into teams of two for each domain of livability and develop the projects.
 - B. Angela Smith expressed she is compiling the budget request information for City Council.
 - C. Michael Britt and Susan Bell commented that the meeting appeared positive and seemed like the board's presentation was well received.
5. Rowlett Fire Department - Chief Neil Howard
 - A. The call volume seems to increase about 7% every year and the department will need to look to increase staff to accommodate. City of Rowlett was identified as the 8th fastest growing city.
 - B. The new legislation will affect some things with this department.
 - C. Proud the department has resurrected the water rescue program. After about 4 years of requesting now have a second driver program.
 - D. Fire Station 4 will be staffed in October or November. Climate event systems will be placed in the fire stations to help protect the firefighters. Mechanical devices



that perform CPR are on each fire truck. These devices provide better CPR than a human.

- E. Questions asked about disposable needles, Rowlett trucks, hiring, turnover rate, growth rate due to vertical development, volunteers, status on the training facility, etc. Chief Howard provided answers such as 99% of the firefighters are paramedics right now; Currently the department has 2 ladder trucks, although in the future a couple more will need to be purchased; No volunteer fire fighters but CERT is a group of volunteers who help. Bids for foundation of the training facility are out and once one is accepted then there will be some movement with this project, yet some land development has started and looking at bringing on a project manager to help oversee this project which will hopefully be ready in another 18-24 months. It takes 9 persons to cover one medical unit and this was explained.
6. Update on the task for Frequently Asked Questions.
Alberta Reese shared that she searched information on affordable senior housing and this will be provided to Shelly Monroe and then the list will be complete. Pam Bell asked to include information for Assisted Living resources too.
 7. Senior Friendly Business Award nomination list.
Susan Bell, Pat Bird, and Virginia Denson each identified two or three businesses for the nomination list. At the next meeting more information will be shared as to the reasons to support the nominations followed by the board choosing a recipient for the award.
 8. Volunteer Recognition list.
Kenneth Williams is assigned this task. A list needs to be compiled of seminar presenters, health fair volunteers, any volunteers who may have started a new program, volunteers who helped with any senior events, etc.
 9. Update on senior programs.
Angela Smith shared there will be a 4th of July potluck on July 2, 2019; there are only a couple seats left for the Lone Star Park Horse Racing on July 14, 2019; and there is a special JFK program at the RCC on June 26, 2019 starting at 10:00am.
 10. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
 - A. Whitney Lanning will be sworn in as a new City Council member tomorrow.
 - B. On June 28th and 29th is the City Council Annual Strategy Planning sessions. The sessions will be from 8am-5pm at Main Street event center and the public is welcome.
 - C. Work session for budget planning is tonight starting at 5:30p. Some departments will present.
 - D. The US Census named Rowlett to be #8 for fastest growing cities in Texas
 - E. Fireworks on Main will be held July 4, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm.
 - F. Farmers Market on Thursdays downtown from 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 - G. CPR/First Aid classes begin July 6, 2019 at the RCC. Registration is on city website or contact the Fire Department Administrative Office.



- I. Council members and some City staff are traveling to Austin, TX on June 23rd - 24th for an update on the legislative changes.

11. Senior concerns.
No senior concerns.

12. Public Input or questions.
No public input.

13. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
 - A. Angela Smith shared there are public hearings for the Community Development Block Grant on June 24 10am city hall and 6pm at RCC. Invite other citizens to come to these.
 - B. Shelly Monroe shared volunteers are needed for the new Adulting 101 class which is for ages 17 to 20.
 - C. Brownie Sherill shared the Animal Shelter has many cats available for adoption if anyone is interested.
 - D. Angela Smith stated that July is the month of Parks & Recreation month. At the July 2nd Council meeting there will be a proclamation and most of the department will be present. Members were invited to join the department at the meeting.
 - E. Chris says there is going to be a traffic light at Martin Street downtown.

14. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
AARP - October

15. Adjournment
Michael Britt made a motion to adjourn at 11:26am.
Susan Bell seconded the motion.
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn

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Rob Rose, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation