



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, July 15, 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, Michael Britt, Patricia Bird

**Absent:** Chris Del Regno, Karen Cosby

**Visitors:** Brownie Sherrill, Linda Richard, Brenda Wakefield, Loretta James

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

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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 June 17, 2019 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 (Patricia Bird entered)
  - A. Mark Engen, Keep Rowlett board President, shared Keep Rowlett Beautiful (KRB) mission. The annual conference was in Rockwall this year therefore several were able to attend. KRB collaborates with the city through Neighborhood Life. Introduced and described several of their programs such as Smart Yard, Property of the Season, Light Up Rowlett. Rob Rose mentioned a copy of an interview that M. Engen did with a citizen and this interview can be found on the city website.
  - B. KRB approached the city about adding their name to the designated signs placed across the city and this has started to be done.
  - C. Other ways KRB is involved in the community are 1) Participated in Love My City week and assisted at the Veterans Resource & Outreach Center putting in flower garden; 2) Hold electronic recycling and paper shredding events; 3) Went to El Centro College for Earth Day and provided education; 4) Participated in Rowlett Senior Advisory Board Health Fair; 5) New signs were placed for Adopt-A-Road and currently there are 14. Information on the qualifications and guidelines for adopting a road can be found on can go to [KeepRowlettBeautiful.org](http://KeepRowlettBeautiful.org).
  - D. Beautification Award is a new program related to businesses and will soon be implemented.
  - E. There is a new task force developed for the Dan Robert's Environmental Learning Center. This is a lengthy process and bid for the architectural design is about to be released. The design phase can take approximately 6-8 months. There will be public input for ideas for the center. Fundraising will take 18-24 months.
  - F. The Tri-City Clean Up will be held in October 2019.

5. Decide on a Senior Friendly Business Award recipient.  
The committee identified the top three candidates for this award: The Oaks of Liberty Grove, Cynthia Baxter and Iris Memory Care. The reasons for each of these as the top three were provided, considered and discussed. Cynthia Baxter was chosen as the award recipient. The Oaks of Liberty Grove and Iris Memory Care will be invited to the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to be recognized.
6. Discuss the Volunteer Recognition list.  
Kenneth Williams provided a list of volunteers. Members reviewed the list of names. If there are any other persons to be added to the list, notify Kenneth or Shelly Monroe. These individuals will be invited to the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to be recognized.
7. Upcoming programs: DART Services - September 10<sup>th</sup>; How to Cut the Cord - October 8<sup>th</sup>; Digital Media - November 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Patricia Bird inquired about the topic for DART Services, the title may be called Everything you Want to Know About DART but Afraid to Ask. Expand on the How to Cut the Cord on the flyer so persons know what the seminar is about. Need to determine what information the presenter covers in Digital Media seminar and ask for suggestions as to the title for the seminar.
8. Update on senior programs.  
Angela Smith shared there is a Makerspace at RCC in room D from 10am - 12pm on Tuesdays. Bluegrass hangout starts July 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm to allow people the opportunity to bring an instrument and play. July 18, 2019 Tap is cancelled. Senior Archery class begins this week. July 23, 2019 at 11:30 is Out to Lunch Bunch at Amelia's. The Lakeside Leisure for the fall will be distributed in August which will have all the trips listed.
9. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
  - A. Rowlett Senior Times is a newsletter that is available at the Rowlett Community Centre.
  - B. The Master Fee schedule is available.
  - C. The closing on Bayside was extended to July 31, 2019. As soon as the closing takes place more information will be made public. There is a dog park near Bayside and maintained by an HOA although it is open to the public.
  - D. Police Academy begins August 2, 2019 and will be held on Thursdays from 7pm - 10pm. Citizens Academy begins September 5, 2019 will be from 11:30am - 2pm. Brownie Sherrill added that CERT classes will be held August 3 & 6<sup>th</sup> to cover emergency preparedness. Members were encouraged to participate in these classes to learn about the city, as well as building rapport with other Rowlett citizens.
  - E. There are many new businesses in Rowlett.
  - F. Animal Shelter vaccination clinics hosted by Liberty Grove Animal Hospital the first Sunday of each month. Brownie Sherrill added that Animal Shelter will stop bringing animals to the City Council meetings and explained reasoning, as well as a new plan to promote those who are up for adoption.
  - G. A new senate bill 1640 "Walking Quorum" will go into effect September 1, 2019. It will affect board members. More information to come.

10. Senior concerns.  
No concerns.
11. Public Input or questions.  
No public input.
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
  - A. Rob Rose said this Friday Baby Boomers is taking a trip to Los Calinos to include lunch. Transportation is by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit and leaving at 9:57am.
  - B. Angela Smith stated the Summer Concert Series begins on August 2, 2019 and will occur each Friday in August beginning at 7:00pm.
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
Discuss option of having board shirts versus name tags. This will be included in the orientation material in October.
15. Adjournment  
Susan bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:10am.  
Virginia Denson seconded the motion.  
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation