



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, August 19, 2019**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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**Present:** Rob Rose, Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams, Michael Britt, Chris Del Regno, Karen Cosby, Susan Bell, Patricia Bird

**Absent:** Virginia Denson, Veda Kull

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

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

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1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:00am
2. Karen Cosby appointed as a voting member. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve July 15, 2019 minutes.
  - A. Karen Cosby made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Alberta Reese seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. City Manager's Office presentation. (Patricia Bird and Susan Bell entered meeting)
  - A. Brian Funderburk presented information on the proposed FY2020 budget. Information included stewardship of City Council, transparency, and partnerships with organizations in Rowlett.
  - B. An update on the new Sapphire Bay was shared with members including a brief explanation of the process up to this point in time, as well as the vision of attractions.
  - C. A new comprehensive land use plan is available. In 2019 Rowlett was named the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest growing community in the United States by the US Census Bureau.
  - D. Strategic plans for the proposed FY2020 budget covering ways to ensure a safe community, strengthening neighborhood livability, enhancing quality of life, fostering economic vitality, investing in transportation and infrastructure, and promoting operational excellence. An explanation on the suggested utility bill savings plan was provided. Elaboration on ensuring a safe community covered information about the city's emergency response times and why certain things are proposed in the upcoming budget.
  - E. City will continue to expect high standards from the various departments. Several departments have special accreditation or certifications. Rowlett has a bright future. There are several presentations that the public can access online. The budget is to be adopted on September 17, 2019.
5. A Taste of DiverCity - Rowlett Diversity and Inclusion Commission.

Jesse Roark shared information about an event with a new title this year, Taste of DiverCity. The event will be held on October 5, 2019 from 11am to 2pm



downtown. There is no fee. There will be food trucks, vendors, and entertainment. If this board would like to participate by having a booth then Adam Acoba with Parks and Recreation should be contacted. The Diversity and Inclusion Commission's next meeting is this Wednesday at 6:30pm if any members would like to attend and share ideas.

6. Senior Friendly Business Award presentation on September 3, 2019.  
Angela Smith informed members this presentation will occur on September 3, 2019 at 7:30pm during City Council meeting. A further explanation was provided about the different approach for this year's award, although moving forward this award needs to go to a specific business.
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 stated confirmation has been made with Dallas Area Rapid Transportation and presenter's needs for the seminar. Contact has been made with presenter for November to work on determining the highlights and title for the seminar.
8. Update on senior programs.  
Angela Smith shared the following: 1) Bluegrass Hangout is showing to be a success and will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm; 2) Makerspace available on Tuesdays at 10am; 3) Chair Volleyball recently played the City of Lewisville in preparations for an upcoming tournament; 4) Out to Lunch Bunch is at Applebee's on August 27, 2019 at 11:30am; 5) Senior fitness classes offered was reviewed; 6) Upcoming trips such as Senior Follies 9/13/19, State Fair 10/10/19, Federal Reserve Bank 11/5/19 and Prairie Lights 12/17/19; 7) On the first three Fridays in December there will be three shopping trips.
9. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
  - A. Pooch Plunge is this Sunday at Wet Zone.
  - B. Low-cost pet vaccinations are given on the first Sunday of each month.
  - C. CPR and First Aid classes scheduled for October and offered at RCC. Persons can register at the Fire Administrative Building or online.
  - D. Receiving several inquiries about the Green Ribbon Project on Highway 66. Angela Smith provided a response. TxDOT submitted a plan to the City to get the medians back in good condition no later than August 28, 2019. The City of Rowlett is scheduled to take over the medians in August 2019 but will not until the medians are fully operational and plants have been replaced. For Phase II the entry sign locations have been marked and approved by all parties. The median has been cleared of concrete and work should begin in the next 30 days.
  - E. A local church is selling one of their buildings, but the city is not interested in purchasing the building and the church is not interested in donating the building.
10. Senior concerns.  
No concerns.

11. Public Input or questions.
  - A. Elise Bowers, Neighborhood Life, announced the Rowlett City Academy starts on September 5, 2019 from 11am - 1pm. There are three spots still opened if any members would like to register.
  - B. Jeff Sheldon, Community Investment Advisory Board (CIAB), stated if this board has any projects, besides the expansion of RCC, to be connected to the next bond to get this information to CIAB. CIAB meets the first Monday of each month. Angela Smith reminded members in October we will dive more into the AARP 8 domains of livability and this may lead to ideas for suggested projects.
  - C. Brownie Sherrill said the Police Department is offering free training to the public. Officer Dana Reeves is going to be conducting a class called CRASE (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events) in which classes will be in September and October from 6pm to 9pm. Registration is required due to each class is limited to 35 persons.
  - D. Linda Richard asked about trips out of town being limited to only 14 persons due to the method of transportation. She voiced more persons want to go on a trip and inquired about larger transportation methods. Angie Smith provided a response about the expense and how this would increase the cost per person. Inquired about there being transportation for seniors for basic shopping in Rowlett. Angela Smith responded that DART Go Link can provide this service.
  
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.

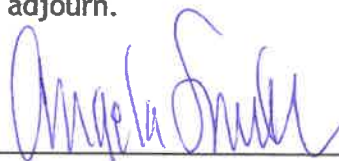
Angela Smith mentioned the Summer Concert Series continues each Friday in August. Angela Smith reminded members volunteers will be recognized at the next meeting.
  
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.

Michael Britt asked for having a booth at DiverCity event.
  
15. Adjournment

Susan Bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:33am.  
Alberta Reese seconded the motion.  
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation