



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 2019
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Rob Rose, Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams, Patricia Bird, Veda Kull, Karen Cosby, Virginia Denson, Michael Britt, Susan Bell

Absent: Chris Del Regno

Visitors: Brownie Sherrill, Vicki Nelson, Linda Richard, Larry Beckham, Gaylynn Beckham, Jeff Sheldon, Jean Christopher

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

1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:02am
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve November 18, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Veda Kull made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Alberta Reese seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
4. Citizens' Input. (Patricia Bird entered)

Linda Richard shared the difficulty with the senior programs overlapping scheduled times in the mornings and inquired if program times could be spread out a little more. Angela Smith suggested she speak with Jason Aguirre, Senior Programmer or Lindsay Prasifka, Recreation Supervisor but briefly explained the reason the schedule is the way it is set up.
5. Public Works Presentation. (Kenneth Williams)
 - A. Lyle Samples, Street Supervisor, reported his division focuses often on trying to keep traffic flowing, does major repairs on streets and takes care of drainage areas. There are plans to update streets and make repairs through Capital Improvement Project funds. Updates on the Main Street construction, Lake Country Estates phase 1, Highland Meadows phase 2, alley ways and street repairs for existing projects, and Dalrock Estates phase 2 were given. The Fire Department Training Tower is complete although there is a temporary fence around it right now. Lyle S. spoke briefly about the barrier repairs on old Dalrock Road and the City of Rowlett's 50 / 50 sidewalk program. Members asked questions asked about street material, PSI index list, sidewalks, and construction areas. Members and visitors were recommended to contact the Community Action Center by telephone or online regarding any questions or issues they see in the community.
 - B. Mark Leal, Utility Operations Supervisor, spoke about Paul Place project and dead-end looping. There are approximately 65 dead end looping spots in Rowlett but not all of them can be updated. Public Works is currently upgrading Jackson



Street for the water main. Public Works has on-call staff for after hours. Staff has been working on changing out water meters according to the replacement plan because the life span of a water meter is 12 years.

6. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
 - A. The Main Street Fest and Holiday Parade event was a success with many in attendance. Appreciation was expressed for all those who worked this event.
 - B. City Council will be considering a resolution to join a coalition of non-member customer entities of the North Texas Municipal Water District.
 - C. A developer who wants to build apartments will be on the City Council agenda tomorrow night.
 - D. The 2020 Census is still looking for people to work in 2020.
 - E. City offices will be closed December 24 - 25, 2019 for the Christmas holiday and Jan 1, 2020 for New Year's Day.
 - F. The Mayor's State of the City Address can be found on the city website under Rowlett.com/MayorsSpotlight. The address is an 8-page article highlighting the year 2019. On January 8, 2020 the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a luncheon where Mayor Tammy Dana-Bashian will present the annual State of the City Address. This will be held at the Rowlett Community Centre starting at 11:30am. Non-Chamber members may attend for a fee of \$20.
 - G. A Town Hall meeting will be held January 28, 2020 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - H. City Academy begins on January 23, 2020 and these will be afternoon classes from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Food is provided.
7. SCOR Update.
 - A. Jeff Sheldon, President of Senior Citizens of Rowlett, shared some history such as Seniors Citizens of Rowlett (SCOR) was founded about 10 years ago and is a 501 (c) 3. SCOR applied and awarded a bingo license, therefore this allows SCOR to earn some monthly funds. These funds help support other seniors in need, but is limited depending on the available funds. There are guidelines and procedures for financially assisting persons. SCOR needs volunteers and a couple board positions will be open after the first of the year. There are committees such as membership, and senior health luncheon. If anyone is interested, please contact himself or Kenneth Williams. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Beacon Harbor for 10:00am. Presently there are 6 SCOR board members. If the Senior Advisory Board can help bring awareness of SCOR's needs, it would be helpful. Kenneth Williams shared examples of the rewards of being involved with this group. Qualifications to be a SCOR board member is age 55 or older and a resident of Rowlett. SCOR seminars are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
8. Upcoming seminars: Self Defense on January 14, 2020; Smart Home on February 11, 2020; Streaming 101 on March 10, 2020; Health Fair on April 14, 2020.
 - A. January 14th will be Self Defense seminar and the presenter is secured. Flyer will be ready on December 30th then will be distributed to members to promote the event.
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9. AARP Livable Communities application and survey update.
- A. Angela Smith reported the application and Mayor's support letter will soon be submitted. Once the acceptance letter is received, this project can move forward. Results of the acceptance letter will be received shortly after the first of the new year.
- B. Survey Request is ready to be sent which will be followed by a phone meeting with the AARP Senior Advisor of Livable Communities. A survey test will be sent to us within a week then will go live. The survey will be online through AARP and hard copies will also be provided. Once the survey process is complete, AARP will provide the data results.
- C. Members need to start making a list of all the people, organizations, groups that will help distribute the survey link (or hard copies). This list outreach will need to ensure it represents the diversity of our community. Members can email suggestions to Shelly Monroe, who will compile a list in preparation for the January meeting.
- D. Each member was asked if he/she wants to subscribe for the AARP weekly e-newsletter since this is included in the application. All members present agreed to subscribe.
10. Reminder: January meeting will be held January 13, 2020.
Due to a holiday and city offices closed on January 20th, members were reminded the meeting will be held on a different date this month.
11. Senior concerns.
No senior concerns expressed at this time.
12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
- A. Angela Smith said the RCC is closed December 24th and 25th for Christmas holiday, as well as 5pm on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.
- B. Angela Smith announced there will be a public Herfurth Park design on January 9, 2020 at the Rowlett Community Centre at 6:00pm and encouraged persons to attend. There will be multiple phases of the park redesign project.
13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
Veda Kull asked for the 2020 Census Committee update.
16. Adjournment
Susan Bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:19am.
Virginia Denson seconded the motion.
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair



Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation