



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, February 17, 2020**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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**Present:** Rob Rose, Kenneth Williams, Patricia Bird, Veda Kull, Virginia Denson, Michael Britt, Chris Del Regno

**Absent:** Alberta Reese, Karen Cosby, Susan Bell

**Visitors:** Brownie Sherrill, Sydney Smith

**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 present.
3. Consider action to approve January 13, 2020 minutes.
  - A. Michael Britt made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
  - B. Virginia Denson seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Citizens' Input. (Patricia Bird entered)  
No input for this meeting.
5. AARP Livable Communities application and survey update. (Kenneth Williams entered)
  - A. Angela Smith reported the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities survey link went live on February 12, 2020 and will end March 13, 2020. On February 4, 2020 Lawrence Randle, AARP Texas Executive Council member, presented the membership certificate to the City of Rowlett during the City Council meeting. There was a press release in Lakeshore Times.
  - B. A distribution list for the survey was discussed. This outreach list will need to ensure representation of the diversity of our community. Angela Smith suggested to keep reminding folks throughout the survey time period.
6. Update on the Self Defense seminar held on January 14, 2020.  
Rob Rose reported there were 39 persons in attendance and the presenter did a fantastic job with relaying the safety information.
7. Update on the Smart Home seminar held on February 11, 2020.  
Rob Rose reported there were 29 persons in attendance. Members said the feedback heard was that there was really good information but there was a lot of technology which may have been above some senior's knowledge and budget capabilities.



8. Upcoming seminars: Streaming 101 on March 10, 2020.  
The flyer for this seminar was placed in each board member's folder and it will be emailed to members this week as a tool to advertise on social media. It was suggested to include information on how to coordinate the fire stick and Roku stick, as well as sound bars in the presentation.
9. Health Fair on April 14, 2020.  
Virginia Denson reported that Alberta Reese and herself sent out the email invitations; and thus far have received 4 responses. In about 2 weeks another email will be sent to those who haven't responded and then if there are available vendor tables, the vendor pool will open to those on the waiting list. Confirmation of invitations will be sent out approximately 4 weeks prior to the health fair. The vendors will be responsible for the door prizes again this year.
10. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
  - A. The 2020 HOA legal clinic will be held on March 7, 2020 and basic information on this event was provided. \$10 and lunch will be served.
  - B. Census 2020 begins April 1, 2020. Individual's private information will not be shared.
  - C. It may appear like the work on Sapphire Bay has stopped, but the rain has made it difficult for construction to continue. Construction will continue once weather cooperates.
  - D. The election is now closed for the Council ballot. For Place 1 there is a runoff for Blake Margolis and Cindy Baker; Place 3 and 5 only has incumbents. Write in candidates can still take place through tomorrow.
  - E. Rowlett Sings will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
  - F. City of Rowlett and 12 other cities are appealing the North Texas Municipal Water District's "take or pay" system. They have issued a cost-of-service hearing, providing an opportunity for all of the District's wholesale water customers to participate.
  - G. Affordable housing request for Cypress Apartments to be located next door to Evergreen was not approved at this time.
  - H. Chief Brodnax is officially retiring during the City Council meeting tomorrow night and Assistant Godfrey will officially be appointed to Chief.
  - I. City Council will begin working on the 2021 budget starting March 27<sup>th</sup> and this date is earlier than normal because of a new house bill.
  - J. There have been questions regarding Texas's move to the 5G Network, but City of Rowlett has no control over any dealings related to this topic.
  - K. A new Mexican restaurant is opening on Lakeview Parkway.
  - L. A Star Gazing event is scheduled for Feb 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm behind Wet Zone.
11. Senior concerns.
  - A. Patricia Bird asked when the Parks Department sprays for fire ants because their HOA would like to spray around the same time. Angela Smith responded likely in April, but it is difficult to pinpoint because weather will be a factor.
  - B. Patricia Bird asked about concerns of some signs and Angela Smith referred her to call the Rowlett Community Action Center.

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- A. Rob Rose mentioned the Friday @ 5 announced a senior seminar, but it was for a seminar already held.

- 12. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.

Angela Smith mentioned Mayor Dana-Bashian will be speaking to this board in April, therefore if members have certain topics for her to cover to send them to Shelly Monroe.

- 13. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
There were no requested topics.

- 14. Adjournment.

Veda Kull made a motion to adjourn at 10:49 am.

Michael Britt seconded the motion.

Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.



Rob Rose, Chair

Angela  
Smith

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation