



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 20, 2020
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: (remotely) Regular members: Chair Rob Rose, Vice-Chair Michael Britt, Patricia Bird, Veda Kull, Virginia Denson, Susan Bell, Alberta Reese
Alternates: Karen Cosby, Kenneth Williams

Absent: Chris Del Regno (alternate)

Visitors: Philip Barott

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

Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Senior Advisory Board meeting was held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

1. The Chair, Rob Rose, called the meeting to order at 10:01am
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve June 15, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Michael Britt made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Susan Bell seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
4. Citizens' Input.

No input for this meeting.
5. Computer classes for seniors.
 - A. Michael Britt presented the idea of starting back senior computer classes. Classes were held approximately 5 years ago and there were 10-15 persons in attendance per a class. Members were asked if education on the operations of using a mobile phone be a good addition if members have an interest in bringing back these classes. Alberta Reese suggested an expansion of classes to cover virtual resources first since most folks are having to communicate in this fashion due to the COVID pandemic.
 - B. Philip Barott with the Rowlett Library reminded members in the past the class names were Intro to Computers, Intro to Excel, Intro to Word, and Internet. At the old library location there was a computer room but in the new location laptops can be set up for a class with less participants. Over the past couple years P. Barott has met with persons 1 on 1 to show how to use their own laptop and/or mobile phone.

- C. Angela Smith encouraged members to find out from other seniors if there is an interest in such classes. Further discussion can be held in October 2020 with thoughts to hold classes in the spring.
6. Discuss AARP Livable Communities survey results and next steps.
- A. Members discussed the best way to extract information to choose the domains of life for this board to recommend to City Council. Due to the COVID19 pandemic continuing there is no present plans to start public committees for the chosen domains, but members should consider a list of persons/businesses who to invite when this begins. After members discussed it was decided that each member will take one domain and read through each question as it relates to their domain. Each member will present information at the next meeting. Angela Smith suggested for members to think less of what the city can do to fix the issues, but to focus on the main concerns.
 - B. Domains:
 - i. Transportation - Alberta Reese
 - ii. Housing - Virginia Denson
 - iii. Respect and Social Inclusion - Patricia Bird
 - iv. Communication and Information - Michael Britt
 - v. Community and Health Services - Rob Rose
 - vi. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings - Karen Cosby
 - vii. Work and Civic Engagement - Kenneth Williams
 - viii. Social Participation - Susan Bell
 - ix. Veda has already collected information for all the domains so she will provide input for each of these during the time of the presentations.
7. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
- A. City Council continues to work on the budget for 2021 and there are some challenges.
 - B. Most of the programs have been cancelled due to COVID19. Members were encouraged to wear masks while in the public.
 - C. Pamela Bell and Brownie Sherrill went to Sapphire Bay last week and the project is showing progress. The layout for the project is noticeable. There is no announcement of the hotel for this site yet.
 - D. Rowlett sales tax is still good even though COVID19 pandemic has been occurring, so this is a positive sign. Rowlett receives tax from property, although not responsible for appraisals. Dallas Central County or Rockwall Central County appraisal district are responsible for notices of value.
 - E. Pamela Bell asked Angela Smith to report on parks and recreation openings. Angela Smith said reservations are needed to enter Rowlett Community Centre and this can be done through Signup Genius. Special events are cancelled through end of August due to the restrictions. Senior programs are still on hold. The goal is to keep folks safe.
8. Senior concerns.
No concerns expressed at this time.



9. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
Veda Kull reminded members about completing the 2020 census because household numbers for Rowlett could be much higher.
10. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No topics requested.
11. Adjournment.
Susan Bell made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 am.
Michael Britt seconded the motion.
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

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Rob Rose, Chair

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

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation