



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, September 21, 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
Alternate: Kenneth Williams

Absent: Chris Del Regno, Karen Cosby (alternates)

Visitors:

Staff: Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Kari Pacheco, Parks and Recreation Operations Manager

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 10:00am. Quorum present.
2. Consider action to approve August 17, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Virginia Denson made a motion to accept the minutes as written.
 - B. Alberta Reese seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens' Input.

No input for this meeting.
4. Updates from City Council member, Pamela Bell.
 - A. City Council approves the budget for fiscal year 20-21. A couple highlights - Had a little under 1 cent cut in taxes, no raises for employees, added 1 car and 1 new police officer for the crisis until, criminal investigation clerk moving from part-time to full time, and the assistant city manager Also now the medians now belong to the City of Rowlett so there were some funds allowed to maintain them.
 - B. Texas Governor Abbott released a new message regarding COVID19 restrictions. Some restrictions have been lifted, but persons are still encouraged to wear a face mask. The numbers of the COVID cases are decreasing. Today is the 14th day since Labor Day and the public will soon know from data if there is a spike with the number of cases from Labor Day activities.
 - C. The new boards and commissions appointments have been made.
 - D. A Charter Review meeting will be held this evening starting at 5:30pm. Persons can call in to listen to the meeting.



- E. Barks, Brats, and Brews is scheduled for November 7th at 6pm. Cardboard Boat Regatta is cancelled for 2020 but will be scheduled in April 2021. DiverCity is scheduled for October 3, 2020, but the location isn't confirmed.
 - F. Keep Rowlett Beautiful will hold a Recycle Day on October 24th although the location will be at Wet Zone rather than the high school.
 - G. Scarecrows on Main "stuffing" party is on October 11, 2020 at 2:00pm. Social distancing will be incorporated. Participants will meet at the designated spot with provided 2 bales of hay. Senior Board members decided not to participate this year.
5. Discuss Senior Friendly Business Award nomination list.
Members discussed whether to compile a list of businesses for 2020 since there has been a delay on multiple things due to COVID19 restrictions and services. City Council nor any boards/commissions are meeting face to face. Normally a plaque is presented during a City Council meeting in the month of September, but as of right now there still are no "in person" meetings. After discussion it was determined to not identify a business for this year due to various circumstances.
Michael Britt made a motion to postpone the Senior Friendly Business Award this 2020 year.
Susan Bell seconded the motion.
Approved 7 - 0.
6. Discuss the Volunteer Recognition list.
Members discussed if there were volunteers to recognize this year since the Health Fair and a couple seminars were cancelled due to COVID19 restrictions. One volunteer was identified for 2020 for a seminar presentation and members unanimously agreed to not hold a recognition ceremony this year.
7. Discuss the AARP Livable Communities survey results and next steps.
- A. Members further discussed their findings of the results. Shelly Monroe reached out to Susan Williams, area AARP representative, to seek any helpful feedback about the survey, but waiting to hear back from her.
 - B. Members further discussed the domains then each member chose the top 3 domains to focus on for the action plan. Social Participation - 6 votes; Transportation - 4 votes; Housing - 4 votes; Civic Participation - 3 votes; Outdoor Spacing - 3 votes; Community Support & Health - 3 votes; Respect & Social Inclusion - 2 votes; and Communication & Information - 2 votes.
 - C. Members divided into subcommittees to lead discussions and actions for the top 3 domains. Social Participation: Michael Britt and Veda Kull. Transportation: Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams, Virginia Denson. Housing: Patricia Bird, Susan Bell, Karen Cosby. Members will start compiling a list of possible stakeholders and submit names to Shelly Monroe prior to the next meeting.
8. Discuss senior seminars for 2021.
- A. As a reminder, members voted to not hold any seminars in the fall due to COVID19 pandemic. Today members discussed whether to plan for seminars to be held during the months January through April so advertising can be included in the Lakeside Leisure. If follow through on setting up seminars a backup plan needs to be considered in the event there are still no face to face meetings.



Members decided to plan for the seminars which can be discussed during goal setting next month and just put the dates and time of seminars with "topics to be announced" in the Lakeside Leisure

- B. Kenneth Williams suggested one topic should be on the status of COVID19. Patricia Bird has one possible speaker. Flyers can still be made to send out on social media and/or if a board member wants to pick any up. Briefly chatted about how to advertise since there are no senior activities occurring at the RCC.
9. Senior concerns.
No concerns expressed at this time.
 10. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
 - A. Garland Independent School District will have a tax rate election so persons should take a look at their website.
 - B. This is Rob Rose's last year on this board and members shared words of appreciation for all his efforts and volunteer time.
 11. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No topics requested.
 12. Adjournment.
Veda Kull made a motion to adjourn at 11:03am.
Patricia Bird seconded the motion.
Unanimous by all those present to adjourn.

Handwritten signatures of Patricia Bird and Aaron Cleaver. Patricia Bird's signature is on the left, and Aaron Cleaver's is on the right. Both are written in cursive.

Patricia Bird, Chair

Aaron Cleaver, Interim Director of Parks & Recreation