



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 22, 2021
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: (remotely) Regular members: Chair Patricia Bird, Veda Kull, Susan Bell, Alberta Reese;
Alternate: Kenneth Williams

Absent: Virginia Denson

Visitors:

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

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, Patricia Bird, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Kenneth Williams appointed as voting member. Quorum present.
2. Consider approving the minutes from January 25, 2021.
Alberta Reese made a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes as written.
Veda Kull seconded the motion.
Approved 5 to 0.
3. Citizen's Input.
No citizen input.
4. Senior Program and activity update.
Aaron Cleaver asked members for their opinion on bringing senior programs back to the Rowlett Community Centre while keeping everyone's safety and well-being in mind. There has not been a Senior Programmer for 8 months, although this position will look to be filled soon. Members briefly shared opinions. Members agree that activities such as bingo and Tuesday Donuts or activities that have too many touching points should still be on hold. One request is to bring back the Writing Class. The thinking is since most seniors are getting vaccinated this will be a little safer for some activities to start back.
5. Update from City Liaison, Pamela Bell.
 - A. The city will start to lease company vehicles through Enterprise rather than purchasing vehicles. This will save money for the city in the long term.
 - B. Five city buildings have damage from the ice/snowstorm and Council will address these issues on February 24, 2021.
 - i. The Community Centre has been open as a warming center and if no one comes today then it will be closed.



- ii. The Utility Billing Department has a residential leak adjustment policy in place to help residents who experience a water leak. For this unprecedented weather event, Utility Billing will adjust 100% of the abnormal usage on water and sewer services who experienced burst water pipes in their home.
 - C. Keep Rowlett Beautiful will hold a shred day and take electronics at the Rowlett High School on May 8, 2021.
 - D. The State of Texas is requesting a self-reporting survey regarding any damage or assistance through the winter storm. The survey can be found on the city website but has been sent to S. Monroe to forward to board members.
 - E. If you were supposed to receive your dose vaccine at the Homer B Johnson Garland center yesterday this was re-scheduled.
6. Update on the COVID seminar held February 9, 2021.
Kenneth Williams reported there was 2 participants other than five board members present for this seminar. Members wished there would have been more attendees join the seminar because the information was extremely helpful.
7. Upcoming DART seminar on March 9, 2021.
Dawn Dorman, DART representative, requested to change the date of the seminar to March 24, 2021. DART is making changes and there is a DART board meeting on March 23rd to approve the changes. By rescheduling this will allow the opportunity to share the changes with this board and seniors. Members were unanimously in agreement to change the date for the seminar. S. Monroe will inform D. Dorman of this approval.
8. Discuss AARP Livable Communities Age-Friendly stakeholder meetings.
- A. The Listening Session feedback was sent to board members via email. This information and survey results will be used in the stakeholder meetings.
 - B. Shelly Monroe will assist with the Social Participation stakeholder meetings; A. Cleaver will help lead the Transportation stakeholder meetings; and K. Pacheco will help lead the Housing stakeholder meetings.
 - C. Staff is working on the list of stakeholders to consist of 10-12 persons. The goal is to schedule the first stakeholder meetings in April. Dates and times of the meetings will be determined between each stakeholder team.
 - D. Patricia Bird along with staff presented to Arts & Humanities Commission and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. There are two upcoming meetings with Golf Advisory Board and Diversity & Inclusion Commission. Kenneth Williams will present to the Golf Board on March 2nd and S. Bell will present to Diversity & Inclusion Commission on March 17th.
9. Senior Concerns.
Alberta Reese asked what resources could have been shared for seniors who needed assistance during the winter storm. For example, a senior needed to get to a warming center but had no transportation. Veda Kull was scanning messages to check on other seniors and a veteran who relied on oxygen couldn't get his supplies and ended up passing away so she would like to know if there is anything that can be done/set up for such emergencies. Members briefly discussed the situations and mentioned alternatives such as Fire Department, Rowlett Community Action Center, 911, CERT.



10. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
No announcements.
11. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
No topic requests at this time.
12. Adjournment.
Alberta Reese made a motion to adjourn at 11:17am.
Susan Bell seconded the motion.
Unanimous by all those present.

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Patricia Bird, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Cleaver".

Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director