



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, March 15, 2021
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: (remotely) Regular members: Chair Patricia Bird; Vice Chair: Virginia Denson, Veda Kull, Alberta Reese; Alternate: Kenneth Williams

Absent: Susan Bell

Visitors: Jeff Sheldon, Richard Kull

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; Gary Enna, Public Works 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 10:01am. Kenneth Williams appointed as voting member. Quorum present.
2. Consider approving the minutes from February 15, 2021, January 26, 2021, and January 28, 2021.
 - A. Alberta Reese made a motion to approve the February 15, 2021 minutes as written. Virginia seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
 - B. Veda Kull made a motion to approve the January 26, 2021 and January 28, 2021 minutes. Alberta Reese seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
3. Citizen's Input.
No citizen input.
4. Presentation of voter education information for the May 1, 2021 Special Bond Election and Charter Amendment Election.
 - A. Community Investment Advisory Board - Jeff Sheldon explained what this board has been working on, the status of the projects approved in 2015 and 2018, as well as the propositions being considered for the 2021 bond election.
 - B. Charter Review Commission - Richard Kull presented recommendations and resulting propositions that will appear on the ballot for May 1, 2021 Special Election. The process for amending the Charter as well as the results were shared with members.
5. Rowlett Public Works presentation.
Gary Enna explained and described each aspect of Public Works Department which includes engineering, streets, utilities, drainage, solid waste, fleet. The Rowlett water infrastructure and system were explained, as well as the Public Works Emergency Response Team.

6. Senior Program and activity update.
Aaron Cleaver said staff is working on bringing some programs back. There is a plan in place, and it will be presented to City Council tomorrow night for approval. Lunch on the Lawn begins today and will be every Monday through April 19, 2021. Will be interviewing for the Senior Programmer position and will soon have this position filled.
7. Update from City Liaison, Pamela Bell.
 - A. The hotel for Sapphire Bay is the Hyatt.
 - B. Pup-a-palooza will be held April 3rd at 2:00pm.
 - C. Questions from citizens about the homeless being on Rowlett roadways is not against the law unless the person is violent. Persons are giving them money it is likely to expect more to come. Chief Godfrey did a presentation covering this information and it is likely on the website for viewing.
 - D. If you have shrubbery or trees, do not replace them right now because they are likely just in shock from the winter storm and just need time to recover. You can scrape some of the bark off and may find some green.
8. Upcoming DART seminar on March 24, 2021.
Dawn Dorman, DART representative, is scheduled to present upcoming DART changes and updates on services on March 24, 2021. The seminar will be through Zoom.
9. Discuss AARP Livable Communities Age-Friendly stakeholder meetings, mission statement and vision statement.
 - A. The format of the first stakeholder meeting was discussed. Each domain team will determine their own date and time for the meeting. The goal is to begin stakeholder meetings next month.
 - B. The vision statement and mission statement were discussed and formalized.
10. Senior Concerns.
No concerns
11. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events.
No announcements.
12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
Pat Bird requested a Sapphire Bay update.
13. Adjournment at 11:15am.



Patricia Bird, Chair



Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director