



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Monday, April 19, 2021**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**4000 Main Street**  
**Rowlett, TX 75088**

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

**Absent:** Susan Bell

**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; Jim Grabenhorst, Economic Development Director; Libby Tucker; Economic Development Assistant Director; Erika Saracho, Economic Development Specialist

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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 March 15, 2021.
  - A. Alberta Reese made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes as written.
  - B. Veda Kull seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 to 0.
3. Citizen's Input.  
No citizen input.
4. Rowlett Economic Development presentation.
  - A. Jim Grabenhorst presented an update on Sapphire Bay Resort. Destination by Hyatt will be the hotel with 500 rooms. There will be a conference center component and briefly shared information about this center. Concept images of the design were shown. Components of the resort is The Surf Village, the plaza office, retail & restaurant, concert venue area, residential condo tower that will be about 20 stories and pre-leasing and townhomes. The timeline of the development was reviewed. The IH-30 improvements were awarded in March 2021 and TX Dot says that construction will begin in summer 2021. Go to SapphireBay.com to see videos of how the resort will provide entertainment.
  - B. Libby Tucker reported on North Shore there are target industries such as advanced manufacturing, education or medical, business services and life sciences. The property is being show to site developers and will promote that area for Rowlett.



5. Senior Program and activity update.  
Aaron Cleaver said a senior programmer will begin on May 3, 2021. SAIL started back last week. Next Monday, PACE, Senior Stretch and Senior Fun will begin. More changes will start in July. Once all the details are worked out S. Monroe will email the information to board members.
6. Update from City Liaison, Pamela Bell.
  - A. The last Lunch on the Lawn will be held today.
  - B. Early voting starts today and one location for Rowlett is at the Rowlett Community Centre.
  - C. There is ROBUST grant funds available for non-profit organizations
  - D. City building repairs from the winter storm are in progress.
  - E. Masks are still required in city buildings. City is opening up on a phased plan from the COVID19 protocols although the numbers are being monitored.
  - F. Alley in Flower Hill area will be working on soon.
  - G. Prescription drive will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm on April 24, 2021 at the Rowlett Recreation Centre by the Police Department. Pills should not be flushed down the toilet because it messes up the water.
  - H. The shredding event will be held at Rowlett High School on May 8, 2021 from 9am to 1pm.
  - I. Great American Clean Up will be this Saturday starting at 10:00am.
  - J. Kid Fish event will be held April 24, 2021 starting at 9:00am.
7. Follow up on the DART seminar held March 24, 2021.  
Kenneth Williams reported there was new information and it was helpful. There were eight attendees. K. Williams noted that few persons seem to be using DART as he has started back using DART. Upcoming seminars for the fall will be discussed in a near future meeting.
8. Discuss AARP Livable Communities Age-Friendly stakeholder meetings and the action plan.
  - A. Social Participation and Inclusion held the first stakeholder meeting on April 15, 2021. There is a total of 13 core team members. This meeting was informational and future meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10:30am.
  - B. Transportation stakeholder is holding the first meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2021.
  - C. Housing stakeholder is close to setting up their first meeting.
  - D. The format for the second stakeholder will be developed for all the domains.
9. Discuss the joint meeting with City Council to be held June 1, 2021.  
Members reviewed and discussed the goals, accomplishments and plans that will be included in the presentation. The complete presentation will be reviewed during the May meeting.
10. Senior Concerns.  
No concerns.



11. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. (Virginia Denson left the meeting)
  - A. Kari Pacheco shared that Matthew Harned started last week as the Parks and Facilities Superintendent.
  - B. Alberta Reese said the Citizen Academy started back last week.
12. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.
13. Adjournment at 11:15am.

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Patricia Bird, Chair

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Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director