



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 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, Alberta Reese, Susan Bell; Alternate: Kenneth Williams

**Absent:** Veda Kull

**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

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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 Vice Chair, Virginia Denson, called the meeting to order at 10:04am. Kenneth Williams appointed as voting member. Quorum present.
2. Consider approving the minutes from April 19, 2021.
  - A. Susan Bell made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 minutes as written.
  - B. Alberta Reese seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 4 to 0.
3. Citizen's Input. (Pat Bird entered meeting)  
No citizen input.
4. Senior Program and activity update.  
Aaron Cleaver said the senior programmer who was hired has resigned, but a new person has been hired. About 62 to 70 participants that have started back with the programs returning. June and July will move to phase II of COVID19 protocols and City Council will review tomorrow.
5. Discuss future meetings relative to the COVID19 guidelines.  
Aaron Cleaver said the tentative plan is for things to return to normal operations as much as possible for June 1, 2021 which includes boards and commissions being allowed to meet in person. Members need to send their comfortability to S. Monroe by May 31<sup>st</sup> then staff will work with the Chair on the next steps.
6. Update from City Liaison, Pamela Bell.
  - A. The Farmer's Market started Saturday. Explained the reason for four vendors this past event and there will be more vendors next Saturday.
  - B. Wet Zone opened this past weekend.



- C. City Council will be making decisions on COVID19 protocols for June. More younger persons are showing positive for COVID-19, but it appears the vaccine is working. Rowlett had 82 known deaths from the virus.
  - D. Electronic and Shredding event was successful, as well as the Prescription Take Back event.
  - E. March sales tax showed an increase, so Rowlett is doing well. Over the past 7 years this is the highest Rowlett has seen.
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- 7. Final preparations for the joint meeting with City Council to be held June 1, 2021. Board members reviewed and discussed the information to be include in the presentation. This will be a virtual meeting for this board and a quorum is still needed and likely will begin at 5pm.
  - 8. Discuss AARP Livable Communities Age-Friendly stakeholder meetings and the action plan.  
The first stakeholder meetings for each domain was held. Plans are in the works for the second meetings. Transportation will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 11am; Social Participation will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 10:30am; Housing will meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 2:30pm. Monthly stakeholder meetings will continue with a goal to present to City Council in late October.
  - 9. Senior Concerns.  
No concerns.
  - 10. Public announcements. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. (Virginia Denson left the meeting)  
No announcements.
  - 11. Members of the board may request topics for future meetings.  
DART Update.
  - 12. Adjournment at 11:15am.

Patricia Bird, Chair

Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director