



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 16, 2021

Rowlett City Hall

4000 Main Street

Rowlett, TX 75088

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**Present:** Regular members: Chair Patricia Bird; Vice Chair: Virginia Denson, Alberta Reese, Kenneth Williams

**Absent:** Veda Kull, Susan Bell

**Visitors:** Brownie Sherrill, Jeff Sheldon

**Staff:** Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Pamela Bell, City Council Liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Director; Brian Funderburk, City Manager; Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Colin Paterson, Senior Programmer

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1. The Chair, Patricia Bird, called the meeting to order at 10:08am. Quorum present. Kenneth Williams appointed as a voting member.
2. Citizen's Input.  
Jeff Sheldon stated that Senior Citizen of Rowlett (SCOR) is a 501 c(3) to assist seniors 55+ and info cards on the items they assist with along with the contact information was distributed.
3. Consider approving the minutes from July 19, 2021.
  - A. Virginia Denson made a motion to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes as written.
  - B. Alberta Reese seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 4 to 0.
4. City Manager's Office presentation.
  - A. Brian Funderburk, City Manager, presented information on stewardship, explanation of hometown value, city development including housing and investment, Sapphire Bay including the I-30 improvements, property taxes, bond election outcomes, and brief recap on the American Rescue Plan Act allocation.
  - B. Special challenges for the city this year: 1) COVID19 and Delta variant; 2) Winter freeze. Briefly discussed situation with Open Meetings Act.
  - C. Budget: Public engagement start Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, City Council work session Aug 19-24; Public hearing on tax rate and proposed budget. Sept 21 City Council meeting to adopt tax rate and budget ordinances.
5. Senior Program and activity update.
  - A. Colin Paterson reported that due to the building flooding and repairs needed it was necessary to reduce the number of programs. Aaron Cleaver elaborated on the building damage and once repairs start it will take 4 to 6 weeks.
  - B. Kenneth Williams asked about how a person can use the new DART passes. Colin Paterson explained what DART has informed him. There are some basic instructions on the back of the card. With using Go Link, a rider must call at least



an hour prior to the ride. Discussed whether to ask DART to be present at the can the Health Fair for the new passes or wait to hold a DART program.

6. Update from City Liaison, Pamela Bell.
  - A. National Night Out is scheduled for October 5, 2021.
  - B. COVID Vaccine information can be found on city website, Rowlett.com/vaccine
  - C. Farmer's Market was cancelled through September. There is a new event starting to replace this event called Taste of Fall Market which begins Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> and runs through November.
  - D. Lunch on Lawn starts in September.
  - E. Concert Series started Friday and will be held each Friday in August from 7:30pm - 9pm downtown.
  - F. As a reminder, a citizen can register online to track water usage.
  - G. City Council will be interviewing and reviewing boards/commissions applications on August 21, 2021.
  - H. Neighborhood Summit will be held November 6, 2021 located at the Rowlett Community Centre. The summit is in collaboration with Plano, Garland, and Rowlett.
  - I. There will be a blood drive at Bowl-a-rama on Sept 18, 2021.
  - J. City Council meets tomorrow night, and the budget is one of the agenda items.
7. Discuss Health Fair scheduled for September 14, 2021.
  - A. Virginia Denson sent out approximately 40 invitations and so far, 32 vendors are registered to participate. The list of vendors will be sent to S. Monroe.
  - B. Location of the health fair if the rooms are not repaired will likely be moved to the gym.
  - C. Volunteers are needed. Kenneth will be in charge of door prizes.
  - D. Health Fair flyer was shown and is ready to be distributed.
8. Follow up on plans for on fall seminars.
  - A. September 28, 2021 at 1:00pm - The Basics of Medicare by Scott & White Health.  
October 12, 2021 at 1:00pm - How to Use Medicare by Scott & White Health Planning.
  - B. November 9 - Still looking for a speaker for this one. Need to look at resources for Mental Wellness topic.
9. Discuss AARP Livable Communities Age-Friendly stakeholder meetings and the action plan.

Monthly stakeholder meetings continue to be held. Each of the teams is now working on the identifying goals and objectives. Staff had a meeting to work on other components of the Action Plan.
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.  
No topics

13. Adjournment at 11:09am.

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Patricia Bird, Chair

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Aaron Cleaver, Parks & Recreation Director