



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, September 19th, 2011

**City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088**

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Lloyd Copeland, Robert Camack, Sue Watkins, Fred Cares, Bonnie Patterson

Absent: N/A

Staff: Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant, Dianne Jones, Recreation Programmer.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Motion brought forth by Robert Camack to approve minutes from the August 15th, 2011 regular meeting. Lloyd Copeland seconded motion, 4-0 approval.
4. Awards given to non-board members for their continued support to the Senior Advisory Board throughout the year.
5. Board reviewed past year's goals, successes, and also the goals that need to remain into the next year.
 - a. Computer classes have done very well.
 - b. This is the second year for creative writing and it has done well.
 - c. Senior health fair was a success this year.
 - d. Genealogy classes were not done this year. The next board may want to pursue holding this class in the coming year.
 - e. Senior housing and senior center will remain on the list of goals and pass to the next board.
6. Suggestions for next year:
 - a. Senior Health Fair date will be on the 7th or the 14th, whichever date is available first in regards to getting the Community Centre reserved. Robert made motion to accept this time frame for the Senior Health Fair, Della seconded, 4-0 in favor.
 - b. Dianne Jones is checking on the Medicare update speaker and will let us know in the future when available.
 - c. Would we like to have the "Update Your Will" program again this year? If so, May the 8th would be a good date.
 - d. Emergency List and Preparedness Class. Robert Camack made a motion that the program be called "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) and be held on February 7th or 21st of 2012. Della V. seconded motion, 4-0 in favor.
 - e. Computer classes will begin in January.

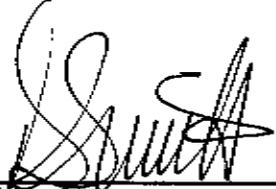


7. Concerns to discuss with City Council.
 - a. Discussion was raised concerning rooms at the Community Centre for seniors each day per week. The City promised on November 26th, 2008 of having a room always available 5 days per week from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. If this room is to be used a rental, another room on the first floor would be provided for the seniors.
 - i. Bobbie Jo shared that one of the card players was recently called at 8:30 am and told that the Chamber of Commerce was having a luncheon in the room and card players could not use it, and dissent began to spread. No offer of another room was offered and this was a major breach of the agreement between our seniors and employees at City Hall.
 - b. Diversity Day was held in the gym last year downstairs. Seniors need events to be on first floor because of the accessibility of the gym and some seniors not being able to access the ramp.
 - c. Bobbie Jo discussed with the board the new exercise class being held for the seniors. Not including the fact that the new exercise program for seniors was to be held at the bottom of the ramp, she discussed the ramp at Diversity Day when some seniors almost fell and others stayed away. Bobbie Jo stated that is not exactly an activity for the "public". Also this exercise class is being advertised as a good class for strength, balance, and not too strenuous. People with joint replacements would think that is a class they can take. Not, true! Also, not in the right location. Again, not for all seniors and it should have stated this and also where it was being held.
 - d. Salesperson invited in during the senior luncheon. We would like to know when salespeople are giving a presentation; so we can decide if we would like to attend the luncheon or not in the future. This person was not introduced; they just started in on their presentation and it was awful.
 - i. Bobbie Jo stated that seniors should not be used and forced to be a captive audience for an insurance salesman. No prior notice was given so people could choose not to go to the lunch on this day.
 - e. Sign-up sheets at each activity when food is involved are necessary so we can have enough food for everyone.
 - f. Handicapped signs for events at the Community Centre have been ordered and they have come in and will be used when we have an event when we need more parking for senior citizens.
 - i. Bobbie Jo shared that the new signs were in the storage room and not used in time for the new exercise class.
8. Budget report given by Dianne Jones.
 - a. No senior budget has been given since Keshia left. Thus we had no knowledge of the amount of money left that might be lost if unused by the end of the term.



9. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
10. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
11. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 11:35 am.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Sabrina Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant