



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 23rd, 2012

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Della Vickers, Lloyd Copeland, Sue Watkins, Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Jerome Gossie, Jerry Daniels, Lupe Christensen

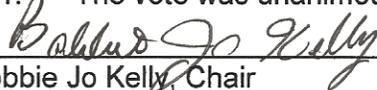
Absent: Fred Cares

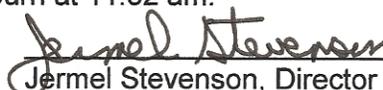
Staff: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Senior Administrative Assistant, Dianne Jones, Recreation Programmer, Angie Smith, Recreation Division Manager.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Motion brought forth by Della V. to approve minutes with changes from the November 21st, 2011 regular meeting. Jerome G. seconded motion, 4-0 approval.
4. The Board set time of February 20th for delivery of the "Senior Friendly Business Award", for the first quarter. The award goes to Rowlett Health and Rehabilitation. Subcommittee will contact Rowlett Rehab to set up delivery time of the plaque.
 - a. Walgreens was voted to receive the next "Senior Friendly Business", quarterly award.
5. Erin Jones, Planning Manager with the city presented the board with information/presentation about a senior housing project that's in its infancy stages.
 - a. 5404 Kenwood is the address of the property.
 - b. Projection dates for the project are April-July of this year. This could result in groundbreaking in June of 2013.
 - c. Erin stated that once more information is available that she would be glad to give another presentation to the board in September of this year with any new information.
6. Bobbie Jo shared that two other attorneys have stated they are willing to teach and answer questions to our audience. We are looking for subject matters that would be beneficial to our seniors concerning legal matters.
 - a. Susan Bell suggested addressing questions with health care claims and help with navigating through claims with insurance companies.
 - b. Teaching and help with senior scams; what to do when this happens and how to avoid them.
7. Bobbie Jo asked the board if anyone here has a contact person with the Dallas and Rockwall Department of Aging.



- a. Susan Turek stated she would be happy to contact them to participate in the Senior Health Fair.
8. Work session planned by the board and agreed to have a special work session with the whole board on February 6th from 10:00 – 12:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Community Centre. Agenda will be posted and sent in an email to the board to remind them of this date.
9. Jermel discussed with the Board the challenges of using the side door of the RCC as an entrance. After discussing this option with the fire chief we learned this would violate the fire code of this building. This is a fire exit only and it is too close to the parking lot, which will put small children and others in danger.
10. Dianne stated the representative from DART stated September would be good for her. She will be giving a presentation at Coyle Middle School and would like to coordinate these two meetings for the same day.
 - i. Bobbie Jo shared that Councilman Donna Davis suggested training at the train station once it opens in January to learn more about boarding passes and train schedules. This is a great idea and we would like to recommend this once the train station is open.
11. Angie shared with the board an update on the budget.
12. Jermel shared the Director's Report with the board.
 - a. The Parks and Recreation Department registered 55 seniors to travel to Winstar casino on Thursday, January 12th. The trip was full with several people on a waiting list. The next casino trip will be to Choctaw on March 23rd.
 - b. Barbara Taylor "Bird Lady" presented Fine Feathered Friends to an audience of 65 people on Saturday, January 14th at the Library Department. Accompanying Barbara were Bobby Jo Bluejay and Woodrow Woodpecker, live birds who demonstrated the value of bird rehabilitation. Information on different types of birds, along with real nests and eggs, were also featured. Following the show attendees crafted pinecone and peanut butter bird feeders for the benefit of their own neighborhood feathered friends.
 - c. The library now has adult non-fiction DVDs (i.e., exercise, sports, how-to, history, biography, etc.) are now conveniently co-located with feature films & television shows, foreign films and Blu-Ray selections. Patron comments on the new shelving arrangement have been highly complementary, and non-fiction DVD checkouts in the first week in January alone are double that of previous months.
 - d. Assistant Police Chief Lamar Evan's retirement reception was held at the Community Centre on Thursday, January 12th. Assistant Chief Evans was the longest serving officer in the history of the department. His leadership and contributions to the department will be missed.
13. 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.
14. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 11:52 am.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation