



## SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett, TX 75088

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Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Sue Watkins, Lloyd Copeland, Jerry Daniels, Fred Cares, Della Vickers, Susan Bell, Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie

Absent:

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

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Motion brought forth by Pam B. to approve minutes from the June, 2012 regular meeting. Lloyd C. seconded motion, 5-0 approval.
4. Speaker Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager updated the senior board with information concerning the current senior tax exemption. Brian shared that at this moment the City Council is bringing this discussion to the table only. There haven't been any decisions made to change or discontinue the senior tax exemption; it is only being brought to the table for discussion. Any proposed changes will not affect seniors that already receive this tax exemption. Brian shared he would be glad to speak to anyone concerning this matter if they have further questions.
5. Feedback given from the board on this year's volunteer fair.
  - a. One person signed up for more information on this board. There were not many people in attendance. No suggestions to change the format of the program, but would like to see more advertising for this fair.
6. Discuss awarding "Senior Friendly Business" award at the Mansion's September birthday lunch at Community Centre.
  - a. Motion brought forth by Jerry G. to give award to the Mansions at September's birthday celebration luncheon at the Community Centre. Della V. seconded motion, 6-0 approved.
  - b. Bobbie Jo asked that each board member try to attend this luncheon in support of the board and also those being given the award.
7. Sarah Morgan, Parks and Recreation's new Special Events/Marketing employee introduced herself to the board and shared a little bit about her and how she supports the citizens of Rowlett.
8. Update on senior parking at Community Centre.
  - a. Jermel shared that he would speak with someone in our Human Resources Dept. in regards to the amount of parking spaces should be designated as handicap



parking per size of our parking lot. Jermel shared that there have been a lot of training events and high traffic at the Community Centre lately that has encumbered a lot of our parking.

9. Deadline for the Parks and Leisure Magazine is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
  - a. Bobbie Jo stated that the board hasn't come up with anything new to go into the magazine at this time. Angie stated that if they can come up with anything new that she can put it in on or before September 17<sup>th</sup> she would be able to extend the deadline.
10. Upcoming programs: Identity Theft and Fraud will be August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012. What's Hot in Medicare and Social Security, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and Senior Computer Classes start in September, 2012.
  - a. Bobbie Jo asked that everyone spread the word on this programs coming up.
  - b. September 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup> - Basic intro to computers.
11. Discuss board members re-apply for the SAB; terms end September 2012.
  - a. Bobbie Jo asked that everyone re-apply for the board and everyone else on this board to think about what you would like to contribute to this board.
12. Angie reviewed the Senior Budget with board.
13. Director's Report given by Jermel Stevenson.
  - a. Movie on Main @ dusk on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 14, and 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Raising Cane's opened in Rowlett on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> with a very successful ribbon cutting and many Rowlett citizens are waiting to enjoy.
  - c. Martin Drive project continues. The project is progressing well. Several project components are well underway to include: traffic signal pedestals, driveway restorations, various underground work, and remaining concrete panels. Several photos as follow illustrate the quality of this work. The project remains on schedule and on budget.
  - d. The Mansions in Rockwall held their monthly birthday party for seniors at the Rowlett Community Centre on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 18 people in attendance. The Mansions provides this "party" once per month and provides lunch and small gifts for seniors with birthdays during the month.
  - e. City staff (Parks and Recreation/Public Works) is working on making interior improvements to the Coyle House. John D'Oliver is assisting by providing cost estimates for a sewer lift station, water service, electricity, fire detection, painting the interior areas of the house, and insulation.
14. 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.
15. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 11:38 pm.

  
Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair

  
Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation