



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 20th, 2013

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Susan Bell
Absent:
Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Tammy Dana-Bashian, Elaine Clemons
Staff: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Rowlett Fire Department – Don Poovey, Assistant Fire Chief
 - a. He reviewed their mission statement, operations, staff, statistics, accomplishments and plans for the next six months.
 - b. There are 12 captains, 12 drivers/engines, 47 fire fighters, 3 battalion chiefs and 4 fire stations. They test over 2,000 fire hydrants per year.
 - c. Fire Marshall presents safety videos on RTN-16.
 - d. Currently under accreditation CFI.
 - e. The paramedics provide senior health checks for free at Rowlett Community Centre.
 - f. There is a possibility that under the 2014 Obama health care that seniors may not go to the doctor as much due to the changes. The city will bill a customer if they have to transport the individual to the hospital or charge \$100 if the customer refuses to go to the hospital but needs some type of IV, EKG, etc.
 - g. They provide CPR/1st Aid training four times a year and there is Safe Sitters classes two times a year. There is a Citizen Fire Academy held once a year usually in October. Volunteers Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)
4. Jerry G. motioned to accept the April minutes. Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor to approve minutes.
5. Don't Get Scammed program May 7, 2013:

Della V. shared that approximately 30 persons attended and there was a good response.
6. Travel Expo September 3, 2013

Della V. voiced everything is set up for the event. In August she will discuss the event in more detail. The time is from 10:00am – 2:00pm a Tuesday. There will be snacks. Advertising of the event will begin in August.
7. Water Exercise Classes and Self Defense Classes – Angie Smith



- a. Angie S. reminded members that all classes and events are listed in the Lakeside Leisure but it may not all be included in the pages designated for just seniors. Some of the classes and events are for all ages therefore it is included in a different section of the magazine. She did briefly review the different water classes as well as the self defense classes. Individuals can also look online at Rowlett.com/lakesideleisure. If there are ever any questions to feel free to contact the Community Centre front desk for assistance.
8. Discuss Method of Recognition for Speakers and Volunteers.
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. mentioned the fact that certificates cannot be given to any city employee who helps. She shared some feedback from a couple volunteers is they have gained enough certificates and it would be nice if there was another way to acknowledge their volunteering.
 - b. Susan B. asked members what are the other options.
 - c. Elaine C. voiced she feels it is still a good idea to have certificates because the majority of the volunteers are different persons. It was suggested for city employees to send thank you letter by email and "cc" the supervisor.
 - d. Larry B. agrees that certificates should continue.
 - e. Della V. motioned that the method of recognition continue to be the certificate program for non-city employees and thank you letters via email to city employees. Jerome G. seconded the motion. All in favor to approve.
9. Update Senior Resource List: Bobbie Jo K.

Members decided to hold a special work session to complete the update of the Senior Resource List. This will be held on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 10:00am located at Rowlett Community Centre.
10. Announce Programs for Upcoming Lakeside Leisure due June 1, 2013.

Bobbie Jo K. asked if there is room in the Lakeside Leisure to add computer class information. Angie S. said to send the information to her and as space allows it can be placed within.
11. Congratulations to Jermel Stevenson for Kaboom award.

Bobbie Jo K. extended thanks to Jermel S. for the award. Jermel S. explained about Kaboom. Bobbie Jo K. asked about update on Scenic Park and Jermel S. shared they are presently working on plans for the entrance to the park. This plan will be presented to City Council in June.
12. Does city have date for Volunteer Day yet?

The 4th Annual Boards and Commissions Volunteer Fair is July 25, 2013 from 7pm – 8:30pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre.
13. Senior Concerns:
 - a. Larry B. introduced Tammy D., new City Council member. They brought up the Assisted Living facility but neighbors are against the facility being built. If any member would like to show support for having this facility in the community plan on attending the June 4th City Council meeting at 7:30pm at City Hall.
14. Budget.

Angie S. provided a report of April expenses and shared with members.
15. Director's Report given by Jermel S.



- a. Memorial Day Celebration featuring Touch A Truck– Saturday, May 25th- 10:00am - 1:00pm- Downtown on Main St.
 - b. Fireworks on Main- Thursday, July 4th- 6:00pm-10:00pm- Downtown on Main St
 - c. We welcome Laura Tschoerner to the Library Team! Laura began duties as Circulation Services Supervisor April 15th. She holds a Master's degree from the School of Library & Information Sciences at the University of North Texas and brings many years of supervisory and retail experience to the workplace. Laura's hire returns us to full staffing as we continue work toward replacement of the Library's Integrated Computer System.
 - d. On Wednesday, April 3rd, Officer Jennings was dispatched to a vicious animal call. Not being able to find the owner, the dog (a 12 week old female Rottweiler mix) was taken to the Animal Shelter. The pup was found to be very healthy and the staff at the Animal Shelter actually found her to have a very sweet disposition. Because no one claimed her, she was placed up for adoption and her information was posted on our Petfinder webpage. Valerie Hall, who lives in Richmond, California, was very interested and after trading several emails with staff members, Ms. Hall decided to adopt the puppy. On Saturday, April 13th, the puppy was placed on a plane and safely arrived in California. Her new owner Valerie Hall reported that her family could not be happier with their new family member. She named the dog "Tre Eszike Macias.
 - e. The Police Department partnered with Economic Development to sponsor a Downtown Business Owners Luncheon/Meeting on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at the Rowlett Community Centre. There were approximately 18 business owners present to identify their concerns and experiences with the arrival of DART and strategize ways to address these concerns. The meeting was successful and all agreed to continue meeting on a regular bases as well as participate in a "Downtown Business Group" blast email notification system.
16. Public input and questions.
 17. Public announcement. Members of the Board or Commission 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.
 18. 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.
 19. Della V. motioned for adjournment at 11:32 a.m. and Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor for adjournment.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation