



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, July 29th, 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, Pauline Dedrick, Jeff Sheldon, Linda Maki
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. Della V. motioned to accept the May 2013 minutes. Pam B. seconded the motion. All in favor to approve minutes.
4. Economic Development speakers Jim Grabenhorst, Economic Development Director and Erin Jones, Planning Director.
 - a. Discussed a couple key projects such as the Woodside Living at Liberty Grove, an integrated housing project, and a residential multi-family project near Scenic Point Park which is about 9 acres, and preliminary stages of a housing project is being looked at along the lake south of Hwy 66 and houses will be at market price and will include seniors.
 - b. The Trails of Cotton at the NE tip of Rowlett did not work out for building the infrastructure.
 - c. Working with Lake Pointe Hospital on adding a multi-story tower for medical office space and future needs for more bed space.
 - d. Senior Project Assisted Living facility will hold 64 beds. The closing on the ground will be in August 2013 with the ground breaking late this year or early next year.
 - e. Evergreen Project wasn't able to progress but there is still interest and there are plans to re-apply to move forward.
 - f. Signature Gateway is a long term vision such as high rise and residential on northern property.
 - g. For downtown Rowlett there is a sustainability grant of 2.5 million for pedestrian improvement. There will be public voting on any changes or movement in regards to City Hall and library buildings.
5. Travel Expo September 3, 2013
 - a. Della V. voiced everything is set up for the event. There are a number of vendors that have agreed to be present. She asked if A-frame signs can be placed out for the event. Jermel S. responded that he will check into this but doesn't have an immediate answer. Flyers were made for the event and will be place at the Community Centre and library with more advertising in August.

- b. Bobbie Jo K. expressed thanks to Angie S. for the flyers and to Della V. for her efforts and time with setting up the travel expo.
6. Medicare Program – October 8, 2013
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. shared that a speaker from Dallas County on Aging will be presenting information on the Medicare Program. Susan B. asked is this presentation more geared towards those seniors who need to apply for Medicare. Bobbie Jo K. replied with a yes.
 - b. Jeff S. requested clarification on the information to be included in the presentation.
 - c. Larry B. mentioned a couple years ago counselors were available to assist any seniors in applying and asked if this could this be arranged for this event. Bobbie Jo K. stated it is too late to arrange but continued to explain this presentation is an overview of changes for this year and next year.
 - d. Pauline D. asked if the presentation could be taped. Bobbie Jo. K. shared this has been done in the past but found out there is no release form for the speakers. This means that person recording can use the tape in whichever way they would like and she has not been comfortable in having any other presentations taped.
7. Potential speaker on Medicare fraud.
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. voiced there is a potential speaker on Medicare fraud for the spring 2014 but let her know if there are any other possible speakers.
8. Update Senior Resource List: Bobbie Jo K.

The Senior Resource List was revised and copies made for disbursement.
9. Deadline for Lakeside Leisure is October 1, 2013 for the time period of January 1, 2014 – April 30, 2014.

Bobbie Jo K. reminded members about the deadline so that any information needed to be included for this time period can be submitted to Angie S. Bobbie Jo K. announced that there are computer classes with instructors, Bob C. and Larry B., for September 10-12 (Basic Computers) and October 9-11 (Introduction to the internet) then Della V. will instruct for November 5-7 (Email).
10. Review Board goals.

Bobbie Jo K. suggested deferring this until the August meeting. All were in favor.
11. Review the 4th Annual Boards and Commission Volunteer Fair that was held July 25, 2013.
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. voiced there did not appear to be enough advertisement for the event because only a handful of individuals attended. She spoke with Debby Bobbitt, City Council member, and it was express there will be different plans for next year. Bobbie Jo. K. asked Jeff S. with SCOR who had a table at the event to share his feedback about the event. Jeff S. asserted there needs to be better communication with the community in regards to opportunities for citizens to participate.
 - b. Della V. shared there was an article in the newspaper on one page it stated the event was in June and at the end of the article it said it was in July.
12. Recruitment for new board members.

Bobbie Jo K. would like to see some new board members. She is only aware of three persons applying at this time.
13. Senior Concerns:
 - a. Bobbie Jo K. addressed the issue of concern that only herself appeared for the City Council Meeting regarding the zoning change to allow for an assisted living facility and



thought other members should have attended to show their support. She continued that members should participate in things that involve seniors.

- b. Bobbie Jo K. advised members that ideas are needed regarding programs for next year.
14. Senior Budget.

Angie S. provided a report of May and June expenses and shared with members.
 15. Director's Report given by Jermel S.
 - a. City Manager Lynda Humble turned in her resignation to City Council on Thursday, July 25th. We thank her for the leadership she provided to the organization and wish her well in the future.
 - b. Seventeen seniors attended the health seminar hosted by the SCOR group on Tuesday, July 16th. Lake Pointe Health Centre presented information on how to diagnose sleep problems, the dangers of not treating sleep problems and how to best treat sleep problems. Following the seminar, the tech remained in the Centre for an informal question and answer session.
 - c. Library Program Coordinator, Kathy Lane, retired with 14 years of service on Tuesday, July 24th. Staff held a small gathering in her honor. Many community partners, volunteers, City staff and story time attendees brought gifts and joined in wishing her well.
 - d. Participants of our First Annual Teen Academy graduated on Thursday, July 25th. The class began on July 15th with approximately 17 students. The Department's goal is to create a better understanding and communication between our young citizens and the Police Department. The academy is free to students who live and attend school in Rowlett and include information on the different divisions of the police department including Patrol, SWAT, Negotiating and Dispatch, among others.
 16. Public input and questions – none.
 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 11:15 a.m. and Jerome G. seconded the motion. All in favor for adjournment.


Bobbie Jo Kelly, Chair


Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation