



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, January 27th, 2014

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Jerome Grossie, Della Vickers, Susan Bell, Fred Cares, Darrell Test, Michael Britt, Harold Kless

Absent: Bobbie Jo Kelly, Jennifer Morales, Pauline Dedrick

Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Linda Mackie, Debby Bobbitt, Bob Vickers

Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council member.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from December 16, 2013.
 - a. Susan Bell motioned to accept the December 16, 2013 minutes with one correction. Pamela Bell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Speaker from Police Department, Beth English, on Everbridge.
 - a. B. English announced that the Everbridge system will be called Connect Rowlett on the city website and individuals will need to create their own individual safety profile even if he/she was previously registered with Blackboard.
 - b. She explained how the emergency notification service will be used, how persons can sign up, how to fill in information for the safety profile and how the service works.
 - c. Discussion was held in regards to adding senior special events and programs as well as ways to educate and assist seniors to register for the service.
5. Report on Update Your Will program that was held 1/7/14.
 - a. Della Vickers said 25 persons attended the program. Feedback about the program was discussed.
6. Report on Introduction to Computer Program that was held 1/14/2014 through 1/16/2014.

D. Vickers reported 9 persons attended the program and some great helpers. There will be a meeting to discuss further the low attendance for the month of January and future scheduling plans.
7. Review ongoing programs – D. Vickers
 - a. In Case of Emergency on 2/11/14 is a good place to bring attention to Connect Rowlett. The educational program begins at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Plans for the health fair will begin at the next meeting because members will need to assist with contacts to vendors, setting up, etc. She is working on advertisement for the event such as A-frame signs being used.
 - c. The Travel Fair will be held September 9, 2014. Triple A will sponsor the event.
 - d. Darrell Test informed that Kevin Lawson, CPA, will be able to present an educational program regarding an update on taxes for seniors. Mr. Lawson serves as a member on the Economic Development Advisory Board and is a Chamber of Commerce member.



This event will be scheduled for October 7, 2014. If there are questions for him to cover provide this to D. Test.

8. Senior Concerns
 - a. Michael Britt voiced he is willing to assist with helping seniors registering for Connect Rowlett so that more seniors can be captured to receive this service. He suggested lap tops be available at the health fair so that assistance may be provided at that time.
 - b. P. Bell shared that if any senior would like to adopt a pet for free he/she can go to the Rowlett Animal Shelter and state that according to Lt. Gibbs this is possible.
9. Receive update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. Pecan Grove Senior Apartments Limited Partnership has property under contract and making an application for low income housing tax credits with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs for Pecan Grove Senior Apartment. Location is 3737 Mercer Drive. They are proposing an approximate 120 unit facility and 100% designated for low income seniors. Zoning requirements will still need to be met. The organization contacted D. Vickers requesting information.
 - b. Encouraged members to watch Mayor Gottel's State of the City Address.
 - c. A Town Hall meeting was held on January 23, 2014 in which all the departments were represented and there were approximately 50 attendees.
 - d. The Downtown Improvement Project is expected to begin in the near future and expected completion is by July 4, 2014.
 - e. Storm clean up continues to be a difficult situation for the city and surrounding cities. The estimated cost for the city will be \$250,000 to \$300,000 incremental dollars. Public Works is assisting with picking up and shredding the debris. The city contracted with Waste Management for additional debris pick up. A contract was authorized with Storm Chasers for two weeks to assist with the large piles of debris. Hopes are for debris pick up to be complete by January 31, 2014. The City applied for Federal Disaster aid but it will be a few months before knowing if the region qualifies for this assistance.
 - f. The City Council should have recommendations within the next 2 months on the North Shore Planning Initiative.
 - g. The groundbreaking for Homestead at Liberty Grove will be held February 14, 2014.
 - h. Places One, Three and Five for City Council will be on the ballot in May. Deadline to file to run for one of the positions is February 28, 2014.
10. No public input or questions.
11. Public announcements
 - a. Jermel Stevenson informed that the Little Sweetheart Dance will be held February 8, 2014 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Rowlett Community Centre. He added that the groundbreaking for Scenic Point Park is tentative for April 2014.
 - b. D. Vickers explained about the change of date for the social for members and spouses. This will be held February 17, 2014 at Chili's following the regular board meeting.
12. No member of the board requested topics for future agenda meetings.
13. Jerome Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:30 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

Della Vickers, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation