



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, April 21st, 2014

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

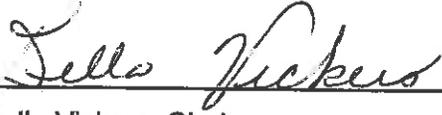
Present: Pamela Bell, Della Vickers, Fred Cares, Pauline Dedrick, Susan Bell, Darrell Test, Michael Britt
Absent: Jennifer Morales, Harold Kless, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Jerome Grossie
Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council member; Angie Smith, Recreation Division Manager; Alan Guard, Director of Financial Services.

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from March 17, 2014.
 - a. Darrell Test motioned to accept the March 17, 2014 minutes. Fred Cares seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Rowlett Police Department – Mike Brodnax, Chief of Police and Chad Caldwell, Crime Prevention Officer.
 - a. A new ordinance banning texting and driving was passed. There will be about 6 months of educating the public while obtaining signs to post throughout the city.
 - b. There is a new scam in the area in regards to persons calling and wanting to know if resident's house is environmentally safe. Officer Caldwell will include this in his scam prevention presentation once the event is scheduled.
 - c. Della Vickers shared positive comments about Officer Caldwell for his assistance and service at the Health Fair. Susan Bell added positive feedback on behalf of Officer Caldwell when he was a School Resource Officer.
 - d. Questions and answers.
5. My Rowlett campaign – Jermel Stevenson and Alan Guard
 - a. A power point presentation and video viewing to present information for My Community, My Money, My Choice.
 - b. Questions and answers. Persons can go to the website for the information at www.Rowlett.com/myrowlett.
6. Update on the Health Fair held April 8, 2014.
 - a. Della Vickers expressed thanks to all those involved with the Health Fair including the recreation staff at the Rowlett Community Centre. She voiced the event was a success. There were approximately 200 attendees. This was about the same as last year but in three hours of a time span. There were 40 vendors and 17 on a waiting list for next year.

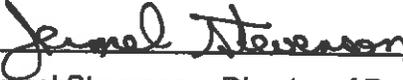
- b. D. Test asked if next year the vendors can park in the back parking lot because he saw some people not able to find parking spots and leave. Angie Smith and D. Vickers said this can be added to the vendor letters for next year.
 - c. Pauline Dedrick asked if next year vendors can pay a fee for table spots. A. Smith responded that in lieu of vendors paying a fee they are to provide door prizes.
 - d. D. Vickers identified individuals who assisted with the Health Fair: Michael Britt, Darrel and Jan Test, Elaine Clemons, Janet and Jerome Grossie, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Fred Cares, Harold Kless, Carole Phillips, Bob and Ann Camack, Dannon Vickers, Susan Bell, Tessa Stryker, Pamela Bell and Lisa Hermann.
 - e. P. Dedrick asked if next year there could be a handout for visitors to see the table layout so that it is easier to find specific vendors. A. Smith responded this can be done and she can include the vendor's phone number.
7. Report on Introduction to Excel that was held April 1st – 3rd, 2014.
 - a. D. Vickers stated there were 19 persons signed up but only 12 attended.
 - b. D. Test mentioned he needs to update the training presentation for excel since the library now has a newer version now.
8. Review ongoing programs – D. Vickers
 - a. Flyers were handed out for How to Use a Fire Extinguisher to be held May 6, 2014.
 - b. The Travel Fair will be held September 9, 2014. D. Vickers requested for signs to be placed this year because it appeared to make a big difference with the turnout last year. Jermel Stevenson responded this can be done.
 - c. D. Test asked for Tax Strategies for Seniors to be held October 7, 2014 be changed to a later date. D. Vickers suggested the Medicare Program be scheduled for this date and Tax Strategies be moved to November 7, 2014.
 - d. Introduction to Computer will be held September 2nd – 4th; Introduction to the Internet will be held October 7th – 9th; Introduction to g-mail or excel will be held November 4th – 6th.
9. No senior concerns.
10. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. North Shore Master Plan was approved by City Council.
 - b. An ordinance was revised to include a provision that prohibits the sale, use, and possession of electronic cigarettes, liquid nicotine, and associate paraphernalia for minors.
11. Public input or questions.
 - a. Larry Beckham questioned the status of Scenic Point Park. J. Stevenson answered that there is one permit remaining to be obtained. Once this permit is received construction can begin.
 - b. L. Beckham mentioned there doesn't appear to be much advertisement for people to sign up for Rowlett Connect. A few suggestions were made.
12. Public announcements
 - a. J. Stevenson shared the Kid Fish event will be held this Saturday at Community Park beginning at 9:00 a.m.
 - b. J. Stevenson announced the cardboard boat race will be held at Community Park this Saturday beginning at 1:30 p.m.
 - c. J. Stevenson mentioned the July 4th event and Sheena Easton is the main attraction this year.
13. No member of the board requested topics for future meetings.



14. P. Dedrick motioned for adjournment at 11:35 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.



Della Vickers, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation