



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, May 19th, 2014

City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

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

Absent: Fred Cares, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Jennifer Morales

Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham, Marvin Overstreet

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

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider approving the minutes from April 21, 2014.
Susan Bell motioned to accept the April 21, 2014 minutes as corrected. Harold Kless seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
4. Rowlett Fire Department – Neil Howard, Fire Chief and Don Poovey, Assistant Fire Chief.
 - a. A power point presentation was provided to cover mission statement, administrative and operation staff roles, volunteers, Traffic Incident Management System, fire ground operational priorities, firefighter safety, emergency medical services, the fire marshal's office, fiscal responsibilities, daily work plans, partnerships, citizen centered programed, Affordable Health Care Act and Fire Based EMS as well as a review of single engine responses and fire calls from this past year.
 - b. Questions were asked and answers provided.
 - c. Della Vickers thanked the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief for their time, for the programs that are offered to the citizens, and all the information provided.
5. Report on How to Use a Fire Extinguisher that was held May 6, 2014.
D. Vickers stated that 17 seniors attended this event. She explained that it was a windy day therefore they could not practice with the fire extinguishers. The Fire Department shared an alternate plan of being present at the Touch-A-Truck event on May 24, 2014 in which there will be an area designated for this if the seniors would like to attend.
6. Review ongoing programs – D. Vickers
 - a. Darrell Test asked about the date set for Tax Strategies for Seniors and D. Vickers confirmed the date is November 4, 2014.
 - b. Travel Fair is still set for 9/9/14 and Medicare Program for 10/7/14.
 - c. Introduction to Computer will be held September 2nd – 4th; Introduction to the Internet will be held October 7th – 9th; November 4th – 6th will be for Introduction to Excel.



7. Senior concerns
Pauline Dedrick expressed concern in reference to the Affordable Health Care Act and that the city isn't really aware of how many seniors live alone and uncertain of a way to obtain this information.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. Two weeks ago there was a proposal for City Council to review for a single family subdivision at Liberty Grove but this was voted down.
 - b. For the agenda at the City Council meeting tomorrow night issues to be included are the approval of golf course improvements and the presentation of the Village of Rowlett downtown project.
 - c. Questions and answers. During this time the relocation of the library and Chamber of Commerce building were discussed. Also discussed was the issue of no public hearing for the downtown project. T. Dana-Bashian recommended members to go to the city website and review the packet for City Council meeting.
9. No comments for public input or questions.
10. Public announcements
 - a. D. Vickers mentioned that early voting begins today.
 - b. D. Vickers announced that Jason Van Haselen, Recreation Programmer, resigned and wants to share a thank you to him for all his time in assisting with the senior programs.
 - c. Jermel Stevenson shared the Memorial Day Celebration and Touch-A-Truck event is Saturday, May 24th- 10:00am - 1:00pm
 - d. J. Stevenson stated the July 4th event with Sheena Easton as the main attraction will begin at 6:00pm.
 - e. J. Stevenson announced Wet Zone opened this past Saturday.
11. No member of the board requested topics for future meetings.
12. Jerome Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:27 a.m. and P. Bell seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

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Della Vickers, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jermel Stevenson".

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation