



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

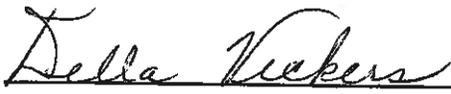
Monday, October 20th, 2014
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Michael Britt, Jerome Grossie, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Darrell Test, Della Vickers, Charles Gaugler
Absent: Pauline Dedrick, Susan Bell
Visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Beckham, Fred Cares, Linda Mackey
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation Department; and Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison

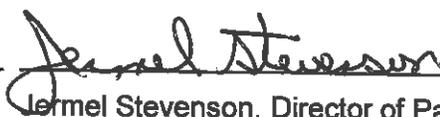
1. **The Chair** called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Administer the Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to the newly appointed members who were present.
4. Rowlett Library services by Kathy Freiheit, Library Director.
 - a. K. Freiheit provided a handout and reviewed a power point presentation about the new online catalog layout and how to access it. She explained about how to access one's account, searching for items, reserving an item, card renewals, and e-resources.
 - b. K. Freiheit reminded members that Philip Barot, Technical Service Supervisor, is available on Fridays to schedule one on one to help to show how to work any of this and/or with any computer knowledge needs.
 - c. Friends of Rowlett has a Facebook page that shares new information about the library. If any board members have any suggestions of getting the information out to others to let her know.
 - d. Della Vickers voiced appreciation and a special thank you for letting Philip Barot help with the computer classes. November is the last month for computer classes this year and there will not be any held in early 2015.
 - e. Questions were asked and answers provided.
5. Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2014 – 2015.
 - a. Jerome Grossie nominated Pamela Bell for Vice-Chairman and Michael Britt seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor for Pamela Bell to be the Vice-Chairman by all those members present.
 - b. P. Bell nominated Della Vickers as the Chairman and Darrell Test seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous in favor for Della Vickers to be the Chairman by all those members present.
6. Consider approving the minutes from September 15, 2014.
 - D. Test motioned to accept the September 15, 2014 minutes. M. Britt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve minutes by all those members present.
7. Update on Medicare Program that was to be held October 7, 2014.

- D. Vickers reported this educational presentation was unable to be held because the speaker cancelled 2 weeks prior to program and another speaker could not be found with this short of notice. Larry Beckham said SCOR has a presentation tomorrow at the Rowlett Community Centre at 10:00am and understood it to be about Medicare so those interested could call them to verify information.
8. Update on Introduction to Internet held October 7 – 9, 2014.
 - D. Vickers reported 9 people attended the first and third day and 11 people attended the second day of class. Computer classes will not be held in early 2015 due to the library will be moving.
 9. Review ongoing programs – D. Vickers
 - a. Tax Strategies will be held November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Introduction to Excel will be 11/4th through 11/6th. D. Vickers mentioned on the 6th class may end a little early for those who want to attend the Perot Museum of Nature and Science trip. A couple questions were asked and Shelly Monroe will gather the answers to their questions and email to members.
 - c. Scam Prevention by the Rowlett Police Department will be held 12/2nd at 10:00 a.m.
 - d. Ideas for programs to be held January – March 2015 were discussed. D. Vickers will look at I.C.E. being held in March. Health Fair will be held April 14, 2014 from 10:00am – 12:00pm. A new program mentioned by Bobbie Jo Kelly is Self Defense for seniors. Tammy Dana-Bashian suggested contacting CERT and VIPS to help with that presentation. Gaylynn Beckham suggested a handyman trade show.
 10. Reaching out to seniors at local churches.
 - a. M. Britt said is working on a letter to distribute to the local churches as a way to share senior activity awareness to those in the community. The information could be handed to senior groups and/or placed on their bulletin boards, etc.
 - b. D. Vickers summarized that once M. Britt has the information sheet complete to send it to Jermel Stevenson for review. The letter will have the city logo on it.
 - c. L. Beckham asked about a welcome packet being given to individuals when they register to become a member at the Rowlett Community Centre. J. Stevenson believes a packet is handed to members upon registration but uncertain as to the materials in the packet. He will follow up.
 - d. P. Bell shared that Aaron Cleaver, RCC Supervisor, did share senior activity information on the channel 16 network and she appreciated this being done.
 11. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - a. Early voting begins today and the election is November 4, 2014.
 - b. Garland Independent School District will host a town hall meeting on October 22, 2014 at the Curtis Caldwell Center on Ebola. For those who are unable to attend the meeting, it will be recorded and rebroadcasted.
 - c. The City Council recognizes people frequently for those who do things above and beyond. If this board knows someone who fits this description for a proclamation then submit the request because this is a way to also share information to others about the seniors in the community. The request is to be submitted to J. Stevenson.
 - d. Community Investment Program Task Force is moving forward. As a reminder the task forces is reviewing needs not only for this upcoming bond election but there may be other bonds to follow so can continue to fund projects but not increase taxes. The task force is working on determining a master plan of all projects needed and a timeline for these projects.

- e. In relation to the limited access toll way facility called the Northeast Gateway the City of Rowlett has decided to not support the proposed turnpike and recommend other alternatives for transportation. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will review all the NCTCOG Blacklands Corridor Feasibility Study, responses and recommendations including TxDot recommendations. RTC makes the final decision.
 - f. City Council will be considering major warrants for 1st Rowlett Methodist Church at tomorrow's meeting. This was requested by the church with hopes to expand.
 - g. A development agreement has been made for three restaurant concepts. There are incentives for this development and this was discussed further with members.
 - h. The city budget and tax rate was approved.
12. New member orientation – Jermel Stevenson.
J. Stevenson provided information through a power point presentation that covered general meeting information, member primary function, how to get information on the agenda, ways to express ideas for discussion, and what if a citizen asks a question about the City and who to contact.
13. No senior concerns.
14. No public Input and questions.
15. Public announcements
- a. J. Stevenson announced Camp Fear will be held this Friday, October 25th at Pecan Grove Park. P. Bell mentioned if anyone would like to volunteer at this event to contact Adam Richter.
 - b. J. Stevenson announced the Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held November 11, 2014 at 11:00 am located at Veteran's Park.
 - c. J. Stevenson invited each board member to attend the City Council meeting on October 21st where the Parks and Recreation Department will be recognized for the national accreditation through the Commission For Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies.
 - d. D. Test shared that the 1st Methodist Church will hold a vendor fair Saturday from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Lunch will be on sale by Boy Scouts.
 - e. J. Grossie asked about the Martin and Coyle intersection being a 1 way street or a 2 way. T. Dana-Bashian said that she can forward a response from Jim Proce, the Assistant City Manager, which will provide a formal answer to the question. Basically it is designed as an urban condition with the intent of creating a yield condition at the intersection. The four-way stop provides the opportunities for drivers to "assess the intersection" and determine if there are vehicle and/or pedestrian conflicts prior to proceeding through the intersection.
16. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.
17. J. Grossie 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