



**SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD
WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015
Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088**

Present: Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Pauline Dedrick, Della Vickers, Bobbie Jo Kelly, Jerome Grossie
Absent: Darrell Test, Susan Bell, Pamela Bell
Visitors: Larry and Gaylyn Beckham
Staff: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager; Erin Jones, Economic Development Senior Planner

1. The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Discuss future short and long term planning needs for seniors as it pertains to:
 - a. Angela Smith summarized the senior priorities identified during the work session on May 26, 2015 and accordingly of the obtained surveys.
 - b. Transportation: Erin Jones presented information regarding the CDBG and answered questions. After this discussion it was decided that purchasing any type of van or bus through the CDBG will not be beneficial due to the limitations. E. Jones will seek information from DART in regards to possibly purchasing senior passes. Transportation purposes were identified as getting seniors to and from the Rowlett Community Centre for activities and events.
 - c. There are three Short Term Goals which include providing van to pick up and drop off seniors without transportation and for day trips, a part-time Senior Coordinator and better handicap accessibility to the RCC. Options for the van are being explored and A. Smith hopes to have all information in time for the joint work session with City Council. HUD funding is not an option for covering the cost of a staff although the Recreation Division will look into the department budget as a possibility. A. Smith will provide the cost analysis for the part-time position. An option for the handicap accessibility is looking into ways of remodeling the front of the entrance to the RCC.
 - d. There are two Long Term Goals which include a dedicated Senior Center and a full time Senior Coordinator. It was decided more research will need to be compiled in finding out if a dedicated senior center is needed versus requesting a wing be added to the RCC, as well as if an external senior center is needed then research is needed to determine a location. Research on these goals will need to be obtained and compiled in time to present to City Council for the CIP Bond election FY2018.
4. The board's recommendations will be presented to City Council on June 16, 2015. The work session time is not set right now but an expected time frame is 5:30pm – 7:00pm. A. Smith encouraged board members to be present to assist with answering questions and providing input.
5. Adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Della Vickers, Chair

Angela Smith, Recreation Division Manager