



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Monday, February 15, 2016
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75088

Present: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie, Kim Lott, Darrell Test, Della Vickers

Absent: Bobbie Jo Kelly

Visitors: Larry Beckham, Gaylynn Beckham

Staff: Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council Liaison; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Parks and Recreation Interim Director; Jill Beam, Senior Recreation Leader

1. The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Quorum was present.
3. Consider action to approve January 11, 2016 minutes.
 - A. Michael Britt motioned to accept.
 - B. Pamela Bell seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Finance Department - Kim Galvin, Director of Finance
 - A. K. Galvin presented a power point covering Accounting, Purchasing, Municipal Court and Utility Billing.
 - B. Accounting includes general ledger and audits. Financial transparency was explained as well as where to find the information on the City of Rowlett website. Purchasing includes local and state policies and formal bids.
 - C. Questions asked and answers provided.
5. Health Fair planning.
 - A. D. Vickers summarized information on the event and provided a handout with vendor information. Each member was assigned vendors to follow up with on their interest in participating. There is a waiting list of other vendors who want to participate.
 - B. Brief discussion held on information to provide the vendors and preparing the follow up steps for April 12th.
 - C. Next month specific tasks for each member will be assigned for the day of the event.
6. Update on senior transportation program.
 - A. Angela Smith reported in January there were 10 riders and vocalized some contributing factors for the low number. A special exception was made for riders to use transportation to arrive at the RCC and attend the senior trip. This exception will be considered for future trips.
 - B. Questions asked about the number of trips and the department is tracking this data too.
 - C. STAR Transportation is advertising the service.
 - D. Members are encouraged to use the transportation in order to be able to provide input and share concerns, benefits, etc.
7. Discuss the idea of a Senior Friendly Business Award.



- A. D. Vickers explained some history about this award such as it existed and plaques were presented to particular businesses to recognize them for going above and beyond in helping seniors. Members were asked if there is an interest in initiating this again.
 - B. Members voiced their opinions in support of this idea. Guidelines need to be developed on how to choose the business and timelines.
 - C. Results are to have a subcommittee of Susan Bell, Mike Britt and Pamela Bell to draft the guidelines and present at the next board meeting.
8. Update on Self Defense program held January 12, 2016.
- A. D. Vickers reported there were 22 participants in the program.
 - B. The program was described as being practical with the defense tactics shown and found the program useful.
9. Update on Financial Fair held February 9, 2016.
- D. Vickers reported 20 persons attended the program.
10. Review ongoing programs - Della Vickers
- A. March 8, 2016 Emergency Preparedness will be presented by the Fire Department, Chief Howard and CERT beginning at 10:00am. D. Vickers recommended members to publicize this event and remind people to pre-register. A flyer for the program is requested.
 - B. April 12, 2016 Health Fair will be from 9:00am - 12:00pm.
 - C. The status regarding the recommendation to change the time of programs from 10:00am to 9:30am was inquired about. This has been placed on hold due to the fact the advertisement had already been printed.
11. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
- A. Tornado update: Public assistance from FEMA was approved and she explained FEMA could reimburse up to 75%, shared estimated figures, and this will help with a portion of the costs associated with infrastructure repairs, debris removal, etc. An official denial was received for Individual Assistance (IA) and there will be an appeal. A brief explanation of IA was provided. Federal Housing Authority (FHA) can assist individuals in the way of loans and there are certain requirements. 300,000 of cubic yards of debris is estimated and 120,000 cubic yards has been removed. The future process for further debris removal was explained as well as reason for Rowlett purchasing a grinder. A contractor was recently hired to perform debris clean up. Briefly discussed zoning issues and City Council will formally vote in March. The City has formed a Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC) of 15 members and the main purpose is to ensure the wellbeing of those affected by the tornado with the goals to help victims get those unmet needs. LTRC will operate approximately 2 to 4 years including sub-committees for case management, donations, spiritual and emotional care, construction management and resource development, and volunteer coordination. Sub-committee members are being sought. Briefly shared about donations received and still accepting financial donations to rebuild Rowlett. Rowlett Tornado Recovery Forum will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016 located at Church in the City from 2:00pm-4:00pm.
 - B. Bond monies can only be used for those specific projects approved through the voting therefore the money cannot be redirected. The impact on the bond funds is the timing of the projects especially any projects in the tornado area.
 - D. Evergreen at Rowlett Senior Living is continuing to progress.
 - E. Questions were asked and answers provided.



12. No senior concerns.
13. No Public Input or questions.
L. Beckham questioned about projects not beginning in the predicted time frames and how the incentives for those businesses are affected. T. Dana-Bashian responded this is tracked and discussed during City Council so there is a process for these type of decisions and record of the decisions.
14. Public announcements
A. Smith shared more senior classes are being offered and Rowlett Community Centre memberships have increased. A new shade structure was installed at Community Park. The new pavilion at Isaac Scruggs Park is in the process of being installed. Kids Kingdom recently had some additional playground pieces installed and there will be more site preparations for the surfacing to be placed. The Rowlett Community Centre renovation plans are in progress.
15. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.
16. Jerome Grossie motioned for adjournment at 11:35 a.m.
Susan Bell seconded the motion.
Unanimous vote in favor to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Della Vickers".

Della Vickers, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Angela Smith".

Angela Smith, Parks & Recreation Interim Director