



SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

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

Present: Michael Britt, Charles Gaugler, Jerome Grossie, Kim Lott, Darrell Test, Della Vickers
Absent: Pamela Bell, Susan Bell, Bobbie Jo Kelly
Visitors: Linda Mackey, Linda Richard
Staff: Tammy Dana-Bashian, City Council liaison; Jill Beam, Senior Recreation Leader; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Funderburk, City Manager.

1. **The Chair, Della Vickers, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Quorum was present. Kim Lott and Charles Gaugler appointed as voting members.**
3. **Consider action to approve July 18, 2016 minutes.**
 - A. **Jerome Grossie motioned to accept as written.**
 - B. **C. Gaugler seconded the motion.**
 - C. **Approved 6 - 0.**
4. **Senior Program updates.**
 - A. **Jill Beam announced she will show case programs such as line dancing, the walking club, tap dance this week.**
 - B. **J. Beam mentioned there are upcoming senior trips 1) Perot Museum on August 24th, 2) Winstar Casino in September, 3) State Fair in October and 4) a tour of Waxahachie in November.**
 - C. **J. Beam stated holiday programs will be scheduled in the fall.**
 - D. **D. Vickers expressed appreciation for all of J. Beam's hard work on the programs for the seniors.**
5. **City Manager's Office - Brian Funderburk.**
 - A. **B. Funderburk provided an update on the Bayside project and some it's features. The project is an 8-10 year build plan including 1.75 million square feet of commercial space and 3000 residential units.**
 - B. **A list of the known and planned development projects in Rowlett was presented as well as an explanation of what this means for Rowlett.**
 - D. **Realize Rowlett 2020, the original comprehensive plan was identified in 2011. The plan was designed to create a vision to make Rowlett "a community with diverse lifestyle choices for living, working, playing and learning". Key principles of Realize Rowlett 2020 were presented. Some of the major projects included in this plan are Woodside Living, North Shore, Healthy Living, Village of Rowlett and Signature Gateway.**
 - E. **B. Funderburk discussed how the 2015 tornado impacted the city. He expressed appreciation of how citizens and different service agencies all came together to help each other.**
 - F. **The FY2017 Proposed Budget includes a recommendation to reduce the property tax rate by one cent, from \$0.787173 to \$0.777173 per \$100 in taxable value. The utility fund strategy to rebuild reserves was explained. Opportunities for Public Engagement**



- dates were announced and ways individuals can obtain copies of the proposed budget were identified.
- G. City Council is supportive of the senior priorities recommended by the Senior Advisory Board which includes making the Senior Coordinator a full-time position, continue to support the pilot transportation program, and support the feasibility study for a senior center.
 6. Continue the development of an action plan for communicating information to seniors.
 - A. Michael Britt stated there is little to report but a list of all the churches and contact information has been collected.
 - B. D. Vickers transferred her task of coordinating with Life Message to K. Lott.
 7. Discuss upcoming programs - Della Vickers
 - A. Medicare program will be presented by Karl Burlbow with Elder Financial Safety Center in Dallas on September 13, 2016 at 10:00am.
 - B. Scam program will be presented by Tammy Dana-Bashian on October 11, 2016.
 - C. Independent School District presentation continues to be tentatively scheduled on November 8, 2016 while working on obtaining a speaker.
 8. Update from City Council liaison, Tammy Dana-Bashian.
 - A. In the upcoming City Council's work session the city's annual plan will be discussed.
 - B. Out of all the homes and businesses damaged from the tornado there is only 19 of the homes without permits or not been touched. This is an extremely low number compared to an expected 69 mentioned by experts. Through the Long Term Recovery Fund \$106,000 has been distributed to 17 different families and the remaining funds continue to be distributed. Between Catholic Charities, North Texas Recovery Conference Center and the Long Term Recovery Fund there has been over a quarter of a million dollars distributed through the case management services. This does not include the government services nor volunteer hours.
 9. No senior concerns.
 10. Reminder: Boards and Commissions applications are due August 26, 2016.
 11. Public Input or questions.

Linda Richard asked about the Village Downtown. T. Dana-Bashian provided an answer. L. Richard asked about emergency plans in relation to evacuation and transportation for seniors. T. Dana-Bashian and Angela Smith provided some her with some information.
 12. Public announcements
 - A. A. Smith shared the Summer Concert Series began August 5, 2016 and was a great success for the first event. The seconded concert had to be cancelled due to bad weather. Concerts will be held next the two Fridays from 7pm - 9pm located at Pecan Grove Park.
 - B. A. Smith encouraged members to attend the senior program show casing tomorrow.
 - C. A. Smith stated Wet Zone closed yesterday and Movies in the Park begin in September.
 - D. A. Smith reminder during the September board meeting volunteer certificates are presented and on September 20, 2016 the Senior Advisory Board recognizes Beacon Harbor with the Senior Friendly Business Award.
 13. No members of the board requested topics for future meetings.
 14. Darrell Test motioned to adjourn at 11:16 a.m. J. Grossie seconded the motion. All in favor.

Della Vickers, Chair

Angela Smith, Director of Parks & Recreation