

## Senior Advisory Board Minutes

January 27, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Rose Park Senior Activity Center  
Regular Scheduled Meeting

The Bi-Annual Meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board was held at Rose Park Senior Activity Center, located at 2625 South 7<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance were: Leroy King, Paul Rehm, Myrle Goode, Linda Rutledge Smith, Cynthia Cooke, Harriet Connor, Eddie Hodges, and Emory Walton. Staff members present were: Tony Neitzler, Lesli Andrews, Kelly Messer, and Julie Sartor.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on July 15, 2009 were reviewed. A motion was made by Harriet Conner a second by Paul Rehm to approve minutes. The motion carried.

Eddie Hodges informed the board of the resignation of board member, Hazel Forkerway. Mr. Hodges asked about a board member replacement and what the process is. Tony Neitzler stated this is appointed by council. A suggestion can come from the Senior Advisory Board, but the final decision comes from council approval.

Duties and Responsibilities of Senior Advisory Board: Mr. Neitzler gave some background on the Senior Advisory Board and when it was established. Each board member received a copy of resolution No. 19-1988, which is the resolution of the City Council creating the Senior Advisory Board with the Mayor to appoint the members with approval of City Council. Mr. Neitzler noted that through the years since 1988 the board has played many roles such as helping with the design during the construction of the Rose Park Senior Activity Center, last example of the board's involvement with the expansion of the exercise room; the board helped to guide that process. In several years past the board was involved more through some of the social programs that were presented by the past division manager, Walter Graham. Also several years ago a member of this board was added to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Eddie Hodges noted that the board used to visit more of the centers and wanted to know if this was still a good idea. Eddie suggested that maybe each board member would visit other facilities. Paul Rehm recalled when they used to have board meetings at different centers. Cynthia Cooke wanted to know if anyone was aware of other boards that are more active and to compare them to ours. Linda Rutledge Smith suggested that we start at G. V. Daniels and present recently retired board member Hazel with a certificate for serving on the board. Mr. Hodges thought that sounded like a good idea and would leave that up to Mr. Neitzler for a place and time for this meeting and presentation.

Mr. Hodges asked the board if we wanted to meet quarterly instead of bi-annually. Ms. Smith said yes and Myrle Goode agreed, Mr. Rehm said not to meet to just be meeting only if we had something to discuss. Mr. Hodges commented this is a great organization and as a board we should talk with people and promote the senior facilities. No action was taken at this time since this was only informational on the agenda.

Lesli Andrews said that direction and coordination between the recreation and senior programs at the sites has been challenging on both sides. All the coordinators of these programs have been given a challenge to have better communication and more activities with the senior programs. Ms. Andrews stated she thought moving the meetings to different locations would be a positive step.

Room rearrangement: Julie Sartor indicated to the board that Anita Vigil, Program Supervisor for Rose Senior Activity Center had met with their senior council and discussed the best use for the rooms to accommodate the activities. What used to be called the domino room (room D) is now the Wii room; with the number of people playing the Wii we needed a room just for this activity. The Wii room now has two game consoles – one is played on a big screen television and the other is projected on the wall so that more people can play at one time. Room A is now the overall game room for dominoes, cards, puzzles, and has an addition of a new 42” flat screen television. Room B is mainly for bridge, but is also used as an overflow room for games from room A.

Participation: Ms. Andrews gave the update on participation, all board members received a copy and she indicated that things were holding steady. Ms. Andrews reported on the Family Fun Festival which is held every year at Rose Park Senior Activity Center in December. This year’s event was a very good turn out and had doubled the amount of dinner/dance tickets from the years past.

Upcoming Events: Ms. Andrews talked about the upcoming events: Wii tournament will be sometime in March and the Pool tournament will be on February 19<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by Senior Circle. They really seem to enjoy these events and you can hear the laughter coming from the Wii room. Ms. Andrews also told about some upcoming field trips which are tour of the Post Office, Dinner at Golden Corral, and a tour of the Veterans Cemetery.

Ms. Andrew also wanted to let the board know that there are some terms expiring this May and we will need a replacement member for Ms. Forkerways. We will be contacting you and all terms are renewed through the Mayor’s office. Ms. Cooke suggested if it could be possible to select someone from another center for the board, one who is active and interested.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

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Presiding Officer Date

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Julie Sartor – Secretary for the Board Date