

Senior Advisory Board Minutes

August 22, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Cesar Chavez South Park Recreation/Senior Activity Center

The Quarterly Meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board was held at Cobb Recreation/Senior Center. Board members in attendance were: Leroy King, Myrle Raley, Harriet Connor, Eddie Hodges, Linda Rutledge, Joe Lopez, Fred Helmcamp, and Emory Walton. Staff members present were: Lesli Andrews, Kelly Messer, and Julie Sartor.

Board Members Absent: Cynthia Cooke

Call to Order: Leroy King called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on February 22, 2012 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eddie Hodges with a second by Emory Walton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Chavez South Park Senior Program: Lesli Andrews introduced Donnie Hart and Neva Gray to the Board. Ms. Andrews informed the Board that Mr. Hart was recently promoted to Recreation Supervisor from Center Coordinator at Cesar Chavez South Park Recreation Center. Mr. Hart has been a long time employee for the City of Abilene and this new position will oversee all five Recreation Centers. Mr. Hart introduced Ms. Gray who is the Program Worker at South Park for the Senior Program. Ms. Gray has been with the City of Abilene for 3 years and enjoys the Senior Citizens and how energetic and devoted to the program. Ms. Gray coordinates a variety of programming for the Senior Citizens that attend South Park. The programming includes themed parties, blood pressure checks, bingo, arts and crafts, wood carving, games and more. Ms. Gray mentioned the Senior Center completed its annual fundraising Garage Sale in May and made a profit of \$130. Harriet Connor asked Ms. Gray about the average attendance for the Senior Group, Ms. Gray stated the daily averages between 15 to 30.

Participation Report: All board members received a copy of the quarterly participation report, which included numbers for March-May 2012. Ms. Andrews told the board numbers were being tracked weekly now and we should see an increase in numbers though better tracking.

Upcoming Events: Ms. Andrews told the board about the upcoming events which include: 42 Tournament on August 25th, Talent Show on September 8th, Parking Lot Dance and Cookout on September 26th, and a trip to Fredericksburg on October 20th and Senior Day at the Fair which is September 12th.


Ms. Andrews announced to the board that she had been promoted to Assistant Director of Community Services and that by the next board they should have the individual in place who will be the Recreation Division Manager. Linda Rutledge asked if there have been several applications for the Recreation Division Manager. Ms. Andrews said yes and will start doing interviews within the next weeks and have somebody in place very soon. Ms. Rutledge also

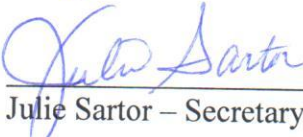
asked if they have a system in place for internal bids for the position. Ms. Rutledge did not know if this was the same terminology, but this is what they called it were she is employed. Ms. Andrews said she had not even looked at applications yet to know if any city employees had applied. Eddie Hodges wanted to know who does the interviewing for this position and that he felt like the Senior Advisory Board should have input in this decision. Ms. Andrews said that herself and Larry Johnson, Interim Director, and possibly one more person would do the interviewing and possibly could have input from the board for the 2nd round of interviews, would not want to have to have somebody go through all of the first round processing, but she would let the board know.

Next meeting will be scheduled for the last week in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and we will let you know of the date.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes approved by:


Presiding Officer 11-28-12
Date


Julie Sartor – Secretary for the Board 11-28-12
Date