

Senior Advisory Board Minutes
April 24, 2013
10:30 a.m.
Cesar Chavez South Park Recreation/Senior Activity Center

The Quarterly Meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board was held at Rose Park Senior Activity Center. Board members in attendance were: Myrle Raley, Harriet Connor, Eddie Hodges, Cynthia Cooke, Linda Rutledge, Joe Lopez, Sarah Jane Vancel, Leroy King, and Emory Walton. Staff members present were: Jeff White, Lesli Andrews, Stan Stanley, James Childers, and Julie Sartor.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Leroy King. Jeff White introduced the newest board member, Sara Jane Vancel.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting held on November 28, 2012 were reviewed. A motion was made by Linda Rutledge with a second by Emory Walton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Award Recognition: Mr. White introduced Janet Whisenhunt who recently received an award from TRAPS Leisure and Aging Branch – 2013 Outstanding Professional. Janet was nominated by her peers and received letters of recommendation for the nomination. Janet was presented the award at the City Council meeting in March of this year. Janet will also be receiving her 25 year service award with the City of Abilene. Mr. White also informed the board that Oscar Rose Park was selected as one of the “Lone Star Legacy Parks”. Rose Park was one of only twelve (12) that received this award. Rose Park is 99 years old this year.

Speaker: Mindy Banister with the Texas Alzheimer’s Association/ North Central Texas Chapter shared information with the board about the program and the counties that this chapter serves.

By-Laws Changes and Recommendations: Mr. White asked the board if they had and changes or revisions that would like to make the By-Laws for the Senior Advisory Board. No recommendations or changes were made. The By-Laws and Resolution for the Senior Advisory Board will stand as first written.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: The motion was made from Joe Lopez to have Leroy King continue as the Chair for the board and Linda Rutledge seconded this motion. The board voted to reappoint Mr. King as Chair for another term. Mr. Lopez nominated Ms. Rutledge to be the Vice-Chair and Emory Walton seconded this motion. The board voted and the motion carried election Ms. Rutledge as the Vice-Chair for the term.

Senior Services becoming nationally certified: Mr. White presented the information to the board about becoming a nationally certified senior center. Mr. White gave all board members a packet that shows the process that will have to be completed, proving we meet the standards. This process is will be a six to nine month process to complete. Mr. White asked the board to refer to page nine in the packet and will show the nine steps that have to be completed. Currently there are nine senior centers in Texas that are nationally certified. Mr. White told the board this would be a feather in our hat and through this program we would be able to showcase our centers not only to our community but state and nation wide all of our facilities amenities. Mr. White told the board he would need their support in order to complete this project. Eddie Hodges asked

how much would it cost? Mr. White said it is roughly around \$2,000 and this includes a company to review and inspect the application. The certification would be good for 5 years. Cynthia Cooke asked would this be good for all of Abilene's senior centers not only Rose Park. Mr. White indicated yes for all of our senior centers. Linda Rutledge wanted to know if we were to gather monthly as a board would this be helpful. Mr. White indicated yes it would be. Ms. Cooke wanted to know if benchmark measurements would have to be addressed and Mr. White said that they would. Lesli Andrews told the board that the Zoo has a certification and the Police Department has just received one. Mr. Hodges commented that there is no disadvantage to having one except cost and who approves this expenditure? Mr. White told the board the cost would not be an issue. James Childers said with the board supporting the project it would be a critical need and the cost would need to be considered, but if we put all our efforts together and we can approve this through the budget process. Leroy King said it looks like we meet all of the requirements we just need to put it all together. Mr. King wanted to know if the board would like to go on record to support the centers becoming nationally certified. No vote required but everyone was in agreement that the board would support this process for having our Senior Centers becoming Nationally Certified.


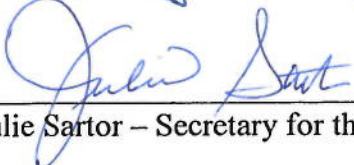
Participation: Jeff White gave the participation report for December 2012 through February 2013. Ms. Cooke wanted to know why the quarter was December through February. Mr. White said because of the leisure guide and the schedule for the recreation classes.

Upcoming Events: Mr. White told the board of the upcoming events scheduled for the centers which a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on April 25, 2013 at Sears Senior Center. All centers have had celebrations to honor their volunteers during the month of April. Also, there will be a Pool Tournament at Rose Park on April 30th, and our annual Living Well / Health and Fitness Jamboree on May 17th.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: The upcoming Senior Advisory Board dates for were announced which will be May 29, August 28, and October 30, 2013.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Minutes approved by:

 _____ Presiding Officer	5-29-13 _____ Date
 _____ Julie Sartor – Secretary for the Board	5-29-13 _____ Date