

**MINUTES
SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
July 5, 2007**

Members Present

Jane Ketcham	Tracey Dry
Annette Vineyard	Bill Gibson
Sonja Hammar	Kevin Yarrow

Members Not Present

Jim Hudson
Helen Gunn

Parks and Recreation Staff Present

Colette Hall, Diann Hand

The meeting was called to order by Jane Ketcham, at approximately 5:06 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Guest Comments

Councilman Scott Johnson was present, but no comments.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from the June 7, 2007 meeting.

3. Guest Speaker – Carolyn Rice, Geriatric Wellness Center Director

Carolyn passed out handouts and gave an excellent overview explaining the services provided to seniors 55+ and their caregivers. The wellness oriented program began in 1979 with leadership from Maurice Barnett and support from Rotary and other service organizations. The center currently services 4,500 Collin County citizens per year, of which 3,000 are Plano residents. They are funded by United Way, grants, donations, churches, service clubs, etc., and they receive free rent from the City of Plano at the Senior Center. They are staffed by a geriatric nurse practitioner, a registered nurse and counselors who specialize in aging as well as numerous dedicated volunteers.

The Geriatric Wellness Center provides health screenings and assessments and a wide variety of services including free lending of durable medical equipment, flu shots, screening blood work, foot care, resource referrals and assistance with Medicare benefit regulations and issues. Their Project Independence program provides short-term assistance to seniors after hospital discharge. They have numerous support groups for seniors and caregivers as well as individual counseling.

4. Boards and Commissions Annual Review Board

Colette and Jane met recently with the review board to update them on projects and accomplishments of the Board.

5. Discuss Survey “Where do you stand on senior issues?”

Annette would like to see the Board send a survey to City leaders and City Council members asking where they stand on senior issues. This was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Review and recommend action on concerns and goals presented to City Council in January 2007

Annette briefly reviewed the goals presented to City Council and would like to discuss further at a later meeting.

7. Schedule trip to a Plano Senior Living Complex

Tabled until August meeting.

8. Other Items Discussed

Colette told the Board that the CCART contract has been renewed for one year because it was due to expire the end of June and other services are not yet in place. Pat Greever from CCART recently informed Colette and Amy that he receives Federal funds to supplement our SeniorTrans program. He said that because of these Federal funds, the manifest, which includes rider information and their destinations, cannot be made available to the public. Colette asked for proof of the Federal funds as well as information on this regulation. She still has not received the requested information from him. Colette stated that the City will continue to provide the manifest to anyone who makes an open records request until it is proven that we cannot disclose this information.

Sonja gave copies to Board members of the Senior Advisory Board 2000 Annual Report and the 2001- Goal & Objectives. They were from the then Chairperson Martha Skelton and explained that Ms. Skelton has gone on and continued in the interest and needs of senior citizens. She is now Chairperson of the National Assistance League/ Collin County Assistance League of Greater Collin County.

Colette will ask Hazel Edwards to speak at the next meeting regarding housing.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:25 pm.

Chairperson

Date