

Alvin Senior Citizens Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call – Member Thompson absent, all other Board Members present. Dan Kelinske, Director Parks & Recreation, present. Marla Grigsby, Manager Senior Center, absent; Citizens in attendance were Randy Race and Carol Phillips.
3. Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2023 – Member Green questioned item 5a regarding the sentence indicating what he said. Member Ansley will correct the sentence to read “Member Green stated the Board could not tell the City what to do.” Member Altus made a motion to approve the minutes; Member Hockin seconded the motion. 5 members approved the minutes; Member Green abstained.
4. Petitions/Requests From the Public – Citizen Race was thankful for his time on the board. His dad was diagnosed with cancer and this stressful situation lead to his resignation. He offered his assistance to the Board.
5. Board President Report –
  - a. David Fritz from INEOS informed Member Burkey that their budget is finalized in September. David asked if there were any projects that INEOS can be hands on with. Board members will think about what projects INEOS could do.
  - b. Recommended Projects:
    - Member Ansley – new floors in west end; sidewalk repairs on alley side of center; repaint west end. Director Kelinski will get with Member Ansley after the meeting to see the issues with the floor.
    - Member Altus – none
    - Member Shepherd – none
    - Member Hockin – sound system/speakers
    - Member Green – none; Member Ansley’s recommendations are beneficial
    - Member Burkey – sidewalk on alley side, paint stripe along edge; new chairs – current ones are low and uncomfortable; new exercise equipment – current items were donated.
  - c. Member Thompson received Yard of the Month.
  - d. Member Burkey asked board members to participate at Senior Center events.
  - e. Member Hockin inquired about a snack machine. Gulf Coast Vending will be here today to look for a good location.
6. Director Report –
  - a. City Council passed a resolution for a mid-year budget adjustment to fund the porte cochere. It is being designed. The design will need to be reviewed by a windstorm engineer and a master electrician. There are cost savings to have multiple people involved in the design. Once design is approved, it will be shown to the Board.
  - b. Citizen Phillips inquired if the Senior Center had a generator. There is not one.
  - c. City passed obligation certificate bond to acquire the YMCA building. If the City does purchase the building, it will be the recreation center that would be open 7 days a week. It would be possible to hold senior activities there. The City will get feedback from the citizens through town halls.
  - d. Upcoming events include Friday Night Live and Nerf Night.
  - e. Fiscal YTD there is a total of 4,375 registrations with 1,740 being the senior center. There are 7,150 enrollments for fiscal YTD with 2,121 being the senior center. There are 4,062 online enrollments with 327 being senior enrollments.

7. Senior Center Manager Report – Member Burkey and Director Kelinske
  - a. Senior Prom is July 14<sup>th</sup> with 26 people have signed up and food will be from the Olive Garden; Talent Show in August.
  - b. The automatic bathroom door has been fixed. The repair of the automatic door on the west end entrance is in progress. The City has approved a Nissan Kicks to be used by Senior Center staff to run errands.
  - c. A snack vending machine location is being reviewed.
  - d. The balance of the Senior Fund is \$3,347.41.
  
8. Old Business –
  - a. Member Burkey addressed the request by Member Green for a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to start each meeting stating that the Senior Board has met for over 20 years without doing that and other Boards do not do it. There is no need to change and set a precedence. Member Green wants this to be on the agenda for the August board meeting to be voted on. Member Burkey stated in order to have this put on the agenda, Member Green needs to get another board member to agree to have this put on the agenda. Member Green asked why he wasn't told this previously. Member Burkey said the procedure to have an item placed on the agenda was in the Senior Board information letter he sent him through Messenger when he applied for the board. Member Green stated he did not read the letter. Member Burkey stated only Director Kelinske, Manager Grigsby and he can put an item on the agenda. If the Board President is asked to put an item on the agenda and the Board President says no, the requesting member needs 1 other member to have item put on the agenda. Director Kelinske wants items given to the Board President for vetting. Director Kelinske said a standing item can be put on the agenda for ideas.
  - b. Director Kelinske handed out printouts of the tree carving. The carving will be of an adult holding hands with a child facing the adult. After discussion, a motion was made by Member Green to make the adult a female. Member Ansley seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. There was further discussion regarding the child and Member Shepherd made a motion for the child to be a boy. Member Altus seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.
  
9. Items of Community Interest –
  - a. Member Burkey – September is National Hispanic Month and the Museum will be hosting a festival on September 9. The Museum is looking for volunteers. The Museum has a new exhibit called "What is It". He asked the Board to remember school teachers and help them any way you could.
  
10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Kathy Ansley  
Board Secretary