

Alvin Senior Citizens Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2023

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call – Member Altus absent, all other Board Members present. Dan Kelinske, Director Parks & Recreation, Michelle Nesrsta, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, and Marla Grigsby, Manager Senior Center, present; Citizens in attendance were Carol Phillips and Randy Race.
3. Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2023 – Member Shepherd made a motion to approve the minutes; Member Hockin seconded the motion. All members approved the minutes.
4. Petitions/Requests From the Public – Nothing from the Public.
5. Board President Report –
  - a. President Burkey welcomed Superintendent Nesrsta.
  - b. President Burkey and Member Shepherd met with David Fritz from IENOS. They have no more funds. Once more funds are approved, they will ask about new fencing around air conditioners. David called Bingo in Actions and will start calling quarterly.
  - c. Members Altus, Hockin and Green will need to submit an application for new term.
  - d. The title “President” is being changed to “Chair”.
6. Director Report –
  - a. At the last City Council meeting, the Council approved the new Board and Commission Handbook and changed the fee ordinance for park lights.
  - b. Superintendent Nerstra was welcomed and congratulated on her promotion. She will get involved in new aspects of Parks & Recreations.
  - c. Recent events were the Texas Music Festival, Mother/Son Glow and Nerf night.
  - d. YMCA funding received. A transition team will be created. A walk thru of the facility will done to determine what things are required and the I.T. needs. Legal is working on the sales contract.
  - e. A citizen with a disabled daughter requested swings for the disabled. She sent a picture of her daughter in one of the new swings and was very appreciative.
  - f. City Clean Up will be held October 14 at ACC from 8am – 1pm. A city water bill needs to be shown to show proof of residency.
  - g. A topography report for the porte cochere was given to the designer. At the next board meeting, the designer will be invited to board for approval. Once approved the design will be sent to the engineer.
  - h. Fiscal YTD totals for 2023: 5,868 registrations, 8,736 enrollments, and 9,115 attendees for non-registered events. There were 521 on-line enrollments.
7. Senior Center Manager Report –
  - a. Family Bingo on October 19 will be from 5:00 – 7:00pm. IENOS backed out and Councilman Chris Vaughn will sponsor and give \$1,800. Spook-tacular Potluck will be October 31. 2 board members are needed to be judges. The Veterans Breakfast to be held November 9 will be advertised next week. The invitation will be extended to include 1 guest.
  - b. There are no funds to repair the sidewalk. President Burkey asked if IENOS could be asked and Director Kelinske said they could. Member Ansley requested that taller toilets be looked into since the new fiscal year has begun. Manager Grigsby will consult with Javier.

- c. Director Kelinske, Superintendent Nerstra, Manager Grigsby and Senior Recreation Specialist Valdez will be attending the NRPA Conference in Dallas this week. Senior Center Attendant Bray will be in charge while they are gone.
- d. The balance of the Senior Fund is \$3,247.41.

8. New Business –

- a. In the new Board and Commission Handbook on page 3, the Agenda wording says “Generally .... Shall be”. If the wording is changed it has to be approved by City Council. Will make Dixie Roberts, City Secretary, aware. On page 2 it states there will be written notification of board appointments. There was concern regarding the amount of time to inform applicants. Applicants will know outcomes since they will be at the City Council meeting. To be reappointed, a board member must reapply. The public can attend workshops.
- b. The title “President” will be changed to “Chair”. Board Officers will be approved by City Council.
- c. Discussion regarding prayer at Senior Citizens Board meetings:  
Member Shepherd - feels this has been presented with religious fervor. Based on prior actions and comments he felt like this is being shoved down his throat. This board has never had prayer and he does not want to set precedence. Member Green’s demand and rising voice has been an insult and he got out of hand.  
Member Burkey – no other boards have prayer and not done at workshops. Prayer is only at city council meetings asking for guidance for making laws and city decisions. Member Burkey and Member Green had a separate meeting to discuss.  
Member Green – he discussed with Member Burkey. At meetings he has attended they have prayers for guidance. He felt it needed to be done. He didn’t mean to come on strong and he apologized.  
Member Hockin – appreciated the apology. He feels it is not appropriate.  
Member Ansley – agreed with Member Hockin. Feels it can be done privately before meeting starts with a moment of silence.  
Vote: In Favor – Member Green; Against – Members Shepherd, Burkey, Ansley, Hockin; did not pass  
Member Burkey clarified to put an item on the agenda a member needed to come to him, he serves as the second member.

9. Items of Community Interest –

- a. Member Shepherd – Rummage sale at the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church on South Grant this Saturday, October 14 from 10:00am – 3:00pm.
- b. Member Burkey – October 14 is the city clean up from 8:00am – 1:00pm at ACC by the Science building. They will be taking electronics, batteries, and paper for shredding. Texas Pride is hosting. Military Moms is raffling a quilt made by Debbie Williams. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will during Veterans Breakfast.
- c. Citizen Race – the Trick or Treat Trail is October 31. He welcomed Superintendent Nesrtra.
- d. Superintendent Nesrtra – Trick or Treat Trail is from 6:30 – 8:30pm. There will be a city employee pumpkin carving contest. Attendees will vote on the pumpkins. She introduced herself to the board explaining she has worked for the city for 18 years come this November. She started at the Senior Center and worked there for 3 – 5 years then moved to recreation. As superintendent, Manager Grigsby will report to her.

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Kathy Ansley  
Board Secretary

