

SENIORS BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2019

Presiding: Selby Clark

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present: Selby Clark, Candyce Beneke, John Palmer, Ann Crowley, Joan Johnson, Tom Brombacher, Stan McCandless, Judy Faulkner, Susan Davis, George Baker (very tardy); **Absent:** Carlos de la Torre, Virginia Lootens, Rebecca Dozier,

Minutes: The minutes were amended and approved.

Guests: John Barnes (future city council), Kelly Burke (city council), Alida Drewes (resident), Karen Kenny (prospective board member), Mardi Turner

Resident comments: Asks for a review of fee schedule for seniors, as there has been no adjustment in 10 years. Laments the lack of a dog park. Seniors to be charged for paper billing.

Discussion of fee for paper billing (Stan, Selby, Kelly)

Parks and Recreation: Susan White reported on advances in the upgrade to Whitt Johnson Park, with approvals by the Parks & Recreation Board; ADA accessibility to be included; removal of gazebo.

Colonial Park Pool resurfacing and updates are scheduled for August 2020. Discussion of saltwater vs. chlorine. Pool is open on weekends.

New recycling and solid waste receptacles to be put in service, funded by Fun Run. No taxpayer money.

Weir Park: New gate latches. Fees to be unchanged in 2019; review of fees in 2020, with a senior board member on the fee committee.

City Council: Kelly Burke: Her last meeting with the Board; expresses appreciation. Swearing in of new council members on May 30. Fence-like hedges voted down by Zoning & Planning Commission.

State of the City Address: May 23, a community event.

“Virtual Fence” update: Implementation 3 years; bond for 15 years; to cost homeowner \$2/month for 15 years. Question came up about the possible reduction of homeowner insurance as a benefit.

Discussion: Primarily a crime deterrent (John). Perceived as too expensive; preferable to hire more police officers (Stan). A big hiring challenge for new police officers (Kelly)

APAC Report: No meeting this month. Karen Kenny has agreed to serve as a back-up.

Senior Services report: Toby Brooks reported that Speed Friendship Day on April 16 drew 40 people. Pain Management meeting was held at Sheltering Arms with 8 people attending. Property tax filing workshop scheduled to assist with protests, exemptions and deferrals.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting: June 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Meetings will not be held in July and August.

Submitted: George Baker