

**MINUTES  
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR SESSION – MAY 2, 2019**

**Members Present**

Paul Gerber, Chair	Sonja Baumgarten, Vice- Chair
Sneh Goyal	Marvelle Ditto
Todd Felker	Katherine Goodwin
Mona Kafeel	Kimberly Miller

**Members Not Present**

Bill Kaiser

**Parks and Recreation & City of Plano Staff Present**

Robin Horton, Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Marny Tackett, Rec Services Superintendent  
Raney Krev, Sam Johnson Recreation Center Supervisor  
Kayci Prince, City Council Member

**Visitor:**

Debi Weiner, Director of Older Adult Services - Jewish Family Services.

- Shared information and provided handouts about their services, which are available to anyone in need on a sliding-fee scale based on ability to pay.
- Services include information & referral, assessment & care coordination, individual counseling & psychotherapy, help with paperwork, kosher home meal delivery, lifeline emergency response service, and support groups.
- Ms. Weiner offered to be on a future SAB meeting agenda to be able to share more about their services.

The meeting was called to order at the Sam Johnson Recreation Center, 401 W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street by Mr. Gerber at 5:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**1. Public Input – None**

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Ditto made a motion to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes. Ms. Kafeel seconded the motion. Seven (7) approved, none (0) opposed.

**3. Regional Aging Advisory Committee Collin County (North Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging) – Sue Whitehurst**

Ms. Whitehurst gave a brief overview of services they provide including the following:

- Receives and administers Federal Government Grant money for 14 counties in support of organizations that support senior needs.
- Gave a brief overview of where the funds they receive are dispersed such as The Wellness Center, Meals-on-Wheels, Transportation, Respite Care, and Caregiver Support.
- Provided a handout on contact and service information for her agency and indicated that they would be working on their strategic plan this summer and would be seeking input through community forums such as the one scheduled for July 11, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Sam Johnson Recreation Center.

**4. City of Plano Review/Update – Ms. Tackett**

- Ms. Tackett introduced Raney Krev, Sam Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+ supervisor. Ms. Krev gave a brief background of herself.
- Senior Resource Brochure – Ms. Tackett stated the updated brochure had been distributed to the recreation centers and libraries.
- Sage Analytics – Ms. Tackett said that SAGE subscriptions were up 284 to 2,361 and that 55% opened the link. Most popular hits were the Sam Johnson Recreation Center tour, Homestead Exemptions, the Senior Fair, and The Texas Pool.

- Ms. Tackett gave a brief overview of the Sam Johnson Recreation Center Grand Re-Opening. As of May 2, 2019, over 1,725 memberships had been sold, much more than was anticipated. Feedback about the Center has been very positive.
- According to Ms. Tackett, there is no update regarding the 2018 55+ Survey final report that had been submitted to the City Council.

**5. "Communicating with Seniors" Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Felker**

- Mr. Felker shared that the sub-committee provided an information table at the Sam Johnson Recreation Center at the end of March. They handed out copies of the Senior Resources Brochure and promoted the Senior Advisory Board and its role in supporting the senior community.
- Mr. Felker said that the sub-committee would have a table for the Wellness Fair on May 6, 2019, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Plano Event Center. They will be handing out brochures and signing up attendees for the SAGE online newsletter.

**6. "Organization Connectivity" Sub-Committee Update – Ms. Baumgarten**

- Ms. Baumgarten gave a brief overview of the collaboration projects in the works, which include:
  - Assisting the Assistance Center of Collin County with a printed senior resources handbook
  - Assisting the Wellness Center in putting together an e-resource database
- Ms. Baumgarten also stated the sub-committee is putting together an outreach email to send to hospitals and other locations to determine senior resource needs and top priorities for seniors.
- Ms. Baumgarten gave a brief overview of the top priorities of seniors based on preliminary findings. They included affordable housing, medical assistance, and transportation.

**7. "Research and Surveys" Sub-Committee Update – Mr. Gerber**

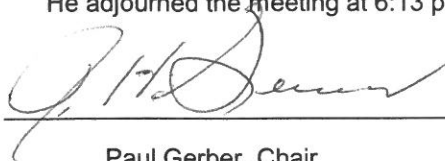
- Mr. Gerber stated that the Sam Johnson Recreation Center Grand Re-Opening was highly successful.
- Mr. Gerber, Ms. Baumgarten, and Susie Hergenrader met with City Manager Mark Israelson and Fire Chief Sam Greif about the new Senior Portal. Mr. Gerber stated it was State of the Art. He also stated that Mr. Israelson and Mr. Greif seemed very committed to this project, which would provide an online portal for accessing all contacts and available services offered by the city.
- Mr. Gerber stated that the Wellness Center had their Grand Re-Opening on April 29, 2019 and that they had received grants that would help expand their outreach within Plano and Collin County.
- Mr. Gerber expressed that he would like to know when the results of the 2018 55+ survey would be presented to the City Council. This was based on a comment from a Council member that he had not seen the results.
- Mr. Gerber indicated that our challenge was to uncover any other issues for seniors that Council is unaware of and to report this information to Council. That is a primary role of the Senior Advisory Board.

**8. Items for future agendas**

- Feedback from each sub-committee
- Transportation/DART Senior Programs
- Retired Seniors Valued in Plano (RSVP) update
- Communications and Community Outreach Department
- Neighborhood Services Housing Committee Update
- Meals On Wheels
- North Texas Food Bank
- Wellness Center

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Gerber reminded everyone that due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the next SAB meeting would take place on July 18, 2019. He adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

  
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 Paul Gerber, Chair

  
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