

Senior Center Advisory Committee
March 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: Peggy Loftis, Chairman
Heather Fuller, Vice Chairman
Brad Burns
Carrie Lewis
Kelly Saunders
Ellie Gates

Member Absent: Theresa Taylor

Others Present: John Smith, Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Center
Yadira Campos, Recreation Specialist
Billie Wallace, Council Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman Peggy Loftis called the meeting to order

2. Invocation

Ms. Billie Wallace gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

No public comments.

4. Reorganize the Committee

Action:

Ms. Kelly Saunders moved to nominate Ms. Peggy Loftis as Chairman. Ms. Ellie Gates seconded, All Ayes.

Mr. Brad Burns moved to nominate Ms. Heather Fuller as Vice Chairman. Ms. Ellie Gates seconded, All Ayes.

5. Approval of minutes for Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of September 22, 2021

Chairman Loftis asked to make a change to the 9-22-21 meeting minutes. She would like the minutes to read: Chairman Loftis stated that she would donate \$500 to dedicate directly to the library shelves Mr. Freeman's table sander.

Action:

Mr. Brad Burns moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of September 22, 2021 as amended. Ms. Kelly Saunders seconded, All Ayes.

6. Consider financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending February 28, 2022

Mr. John Smith, Assistant Director Senior Citizens Center, discussed the financial report for the Senior Center ending February 28, 2022. Mr. Smith explained how the different funding is used at the Senior Center and reviewed the distribution of membership dues. Ms. Saunders asked if member's numbers have normalized, and Mr. Smith explained the members are coming back and member numbers at the Senior Center are rising. Chairman Loftis asked how long was the Senior Center closed due to COVID, Mr. Smith noted the center was closed from May 2020 to June 2021.

Action:

Mr. Brad Burns moved to approve the financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending February 28, 2022. Ms. Kelly Saunders seconded, All Ayes.

7. Discuss Senior Center activities

Mr. Smith discussed the daily activities and special events at the Senior Center. He stated the center posts a monthly calendar with the daily activities and special events which are assisted by volunteers and instructors. He noted lunch distribution are averaging about 30 meals a day and before the center was closed they were averaging about 45 meals a day. Mr. Smith explained the center has started to take trips again, noting the center took a trip to the Dallas Arboretum in December 2021 and on May 3, 2022 they will be taking a trip to the zoo.

Ms. Gates asked if the Senior Center has attempted to reach out to SAGU for possibly providing transportation for the trips, Mr. Smith stated he has not and will reach out to them. Mr. Smith shared more on activities at the Senior Center. Mr. Burns asked where Pickleball takes place at the center and Mr. Smith stated it is set up in the exercise room. Mr. Burns asked if there has ever been a consideration to build a Pickleball court. Mr. Smith explained there is a request this year for a Pickleball court. Mr. Burns shared there are places where they require those wanting to play Pickleball to take a training class for safety and Mr. Smith noted staff will look into creating a Pickleball training class for members to take before they play.

8. Discuss community garden expansion and take any necessary action

Mr. Smith shared there is an area of land at the Senior Center that they are wanting to convert into more community garden boxes. He stated that current garden boxes are full and there is a waiting list and that area of land would be enough to create more garden boxes. Ms. Saunders asked if they have to be members to use the garden boxes and Mr. Smith explained the garden boxes are only for members of the Senior Center.

Mr. Burns asked if students have been able to come out to the steam garden and Mr. Smith stated they have not been able to come out yet due to the pause of field trips but he has been in contact with the schools to resume next school year. He noted the Boys and Girls Club are looking at visiting during the summer.

Ms. Saunders asked what the cost will be for the garden expansion, Mr. Smith stated that it will cost \$8,000 to \$9,000. Mr. Smith stated he has a quote ready and approved from the City and all is needed is for the Senior Center Committee to review and approve to move forward.

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Action:

Chairman Peggy Loftis moved to approve the community garden expansion. Ms. Ellie Gates seconded, All Ayes.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Recreation Specialist