

Senior Center Advisory Committee
May 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Brad Burns
Theresa Taylor
Carrie Lewis
Kelly Saunders
Ellie Gates

Members Absent: Peggy Loftis, Chairman
Heather Fuller

Others Present: John Smith, Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Center
Gumaro Martinez, Executive Director of Parks & Leisure Services
Yadira Campos, Recreation Specialist

1. Call to Order

John Smith, Assistant Director, Senior Citizens Center called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Ms. Ellie Gates gave the invocation.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of minutes for Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of March 16, 2022

Action:

Ms. Saunders moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of March 16, 2022. Mr. Brad Burns seconded, All Ayes.

5. Consider financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending April 28, 2022

Mr. Smith presented the financial report for period ending April 28, 2022. Mr. Smith noted the United Way annual funds have been received for the Senior Center, Inc. transportation and meals.

Mr. Smith reviewed the donation from Buffalo Creek Baptist Church. He noted further discussion and action will be added to the next agenda.

Action:

Ms. Carrie Lewis moved to approve the financial report for period ending April 28, 2022 as presented. Ms. Ellie Gates seconded, All Ayes.

6. Discuss Senior Center activities

Mr. Smith shared the activity flyer and upcoming events at the Senior Center. He noted there were 946 meals served for the month of April. Mr. Smith asked the board if they had any recommendations on activities to do at the Senior Center. Ms. Theresa Taylor asked if there were any shots given by HEB. Mr. Smith explained that Aldi does provide various shots at the Senior Center.

7. Discuss STEAM Garden activities

Mr. Smith reported there has been zero student activity at the STEAM garden; however, there have been meetings and discussion about the STEAM Garden. Mr. Smith reported the Texas Agra Life Master Gardeners are searching for a location for a greenhouse where they can have educational sections for the Junior Master Gardeners. He explained a proposal for the greenhouse to be placed in the STEAM Garden area is being created and will be presented to City Management and City Council.

Mr. Burns asked if there has been communication with the schools in regards to the students participating at the STEAM Garden. Mr. Smith shared there are elementary school who want to attend but this year they weren't able to. He also reported that the Boys and Girls Club are planning to participate during the summer. Mr. Burns suggested to promote the participation to help attendance. The board further discussed how to improve attendance at the STEAM Garden.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yadira Campos
Recreation Specialist