

Waxahachie Senior Center Advisory Committee

April 17, 2019

A regular meeting of the Senior Center Advisory Committee was held at the Senior Center, 122 Park Hills Drive, Waxahachie, Texas on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Patti Junkin, Chairman  
Patty Smith, Vice Chairman  
Ray Weable  
Lee Johnson

Members Absent: Mike Lee  
Joe Jenkins  
Peggy Loftis

Others Present: Jeanee Smiles, Director, Waxahachie Senior Citizens Center  
John Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Amber Villarreal, Assistant City Secretary

Others Absent: Mary Lou Shipley, Council Representative

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Patti Junkin called the meeting to order.

**2. Invocation**

Mr. Ray Weable gave the invocation.

**3. Approval of minutes for Senior Citizens Center Advisory Committee meeting of January 16, 2019**

**Action:**

*Vice Chairman Patty Smith moved to approve the minutes of the Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting of January 16, 2019. Mr. Lee Johnson seconded, All Ayes.*

**4. Discuss financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending March 30, 2019 and take any necessary action**

Senior Center Director Jeanee Smiles presented the financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending March 30, 2019.

**Action:**

*Mr. Lee Johnson moved to accept the financial report on Senior Center, Inc. for period ending March 30, 2019 as presented. Vice Chairman Patty Smith seconded, All Ayes.*

**5. Discuss financial report on STEM Garden for period ending March 30, 2019 and take any necessary action**

Ms. Smiles presented the financial report on STEM Garden for period ending March 30, 2019.

**Action:**

*Mr. Lee Johnson moved to accept the financial report on STEM Garden for period ending March 30, 2019 as presented. Vice Chairman Patty Smith seconded, All Ayes.*

**6. Hear update on grant applications for the STEM Garden**

Ms. Smiles presented the Committee a list of grants to apply and re-apply for the STEM Garden. She explained she is actively applying for grants.

Chairman Junkin encouraged Ms. Smiles to contact Waxahachie ISD for STEM Garden grant opportunities.

Mr. Lee Johnson acknowledged the article in The Sun regarding the STEM Garden and WISD students. He expressed the importance of community interest and exposure to keep the garden successful.

**7. Consider funding request for internet installation for STEM Garden**

Ms. Smiles presented a funding request for internet installation for the STEM Garden from the City's I.T. contractor, Unified Connexions. The request was for \$4,125.47 for cabling and network connectivity. An additional \$700 was also requested for wireless radios and point to point radios. Ms. Smiles explained that Unified Connexions would also need to install fiber optic lines and she would need to ask city management to authorize the installation of the technology infrastructure from the general fund budget.

Chairman Junkin expressed concern with depleting the Senior Center funds for the STEM Garden and not being able to purchase something that is really needed at the center.

Parks and Recreation Director John Smith encouraged the committee to outline what the funds are to be used for so they are not sitting in an account not being utilized for the seniors.

Mr. Weable noted the seniors come first and it should be determined what their needs are.

Mr. Johnson noted the city is funding the roof repairs and if the STEM Garden is a part of the center then he believes the funding request is reasonable.

Ms. Smiles explained the learning lab could function without internet; however, it will not be utilized to its full potential.

**Action:**

*Mr. Lee Johnson moved to approve the funding request for internet installation for the STEM Garden in the amount of \$4,825.47.*

***The motion died due to lack of second.***

The board decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith noted staff will proceed with attempting to get the technology infrastructure in place at the STEM Garden.

**8. Hear update on STEM Education Garden field trips and take any necessary action**

Ms. Smiles announced 110 Wedgeworth Elementary kindergarteners had their STEM Education Garden field trip last week and fourth graders from Clift Elementary will arrive tomorrow. She has received positive feedback from the community, students, teachers, and members of the senior center.

**9. Public Comments**

None

**10. Adjourn**

*There being no further business, Vice Chairman Patty Smith moved the meeting adjourn at 1:36 p.m. Mr. Ray Weable seconded, All Ayes.*

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Villarreal  
Assistant City Secretary