

West University Place
SENIORS BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2022

Presiding: Ann Crowley (Chair)

The meeting is called to order at 2:04 PM

Roll Call:

- Present: Ann Crowley, Selby Clark, Tom Brombacher, Candace TenBrink, Candyce Beneke, Susan Davis, Allan Elkowitz, Gloria Nino Monacelli, Diana Ayers, Mardi Turner, Toby Brooks, Shannon Carroll (Council Liaison) Susan White, Joan Johnson, George Hildebrandt
- Absent: , Teresa George-Hung, , George Baker, Karen Kenny
- Guests: Carlos De Le Torre and Dick Yehle, Ms. Alida Drews, Ms. Drews' daughter

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes:
 - a. Diana Ayers approved and seconded by Selby Clark.
2. Citizens Comments:

Ms. Alida Drews —Meeting minutes not available on the website for February and March. Senior Center planning—needs to have social spaces. Need for closed caption for people who need it. Senior exemption has not been changed since 2008. Inflation is increasing. Ms. Drews will provide notes if requested.

3. Candace Tenbrink progress report:

Sr. Services has good usable data from 2018, 2019. Candace and team will be working on analyzing data and report back. Due to pandemic they will focus on those 2 pre-pandemic years. The TX A&M survey looked at Sr. Services. Generally very positive responses.
4. Looking at Google Spreadsheet we set up in November: Where have we been? Original Categories:
 - a. Rename Sr. Serv.—on hold until new building is closer—3-4 yrs
 - b. Mission & Vision for Sr. Bd. —adopted
 - c. Strategic Plan—in the works Candace & team
 - d. Skills Bank— Diana, Mardi, Candyce, Theresa
 - e. Program Deep Dive—in the works
 - f. Senior Choir—Karen—postpone decision until Karen is back
 - g. Right Care—Org. presented to board, 2 volunteers in process, Susan D noted they are working with WU couple, we need to report successes and continue getting word out.
 - h. Dementia Friendly—Care giver group meets monthly Right start folks, Susan D mentioned Faith Care Connection, part of Amazing Place, Jim Thompson will do 1st responder training/support-they worked with church usher group
 - i. Communication—Ann showed access to all city's social media, encouraged everyone to follow. All publications easily accessible. Shannon noted Police fb is very helpful

- j. Walkability—Looking at AARP program-George H, Teresa, Karen, Ann- continue to keep in front of mind. Success...Teresa worked with the City of Houston to increase the length of the WALK signal at Rice Blvd and KIRBY. When construction is completed, intersection of Buffalo and Holcombe needs to be looked at.
5. Monthly Reports
- a. APAC-Karen sent materials, Toby forwarded to board
 - b. Good Neighbor Team—Mardi—calm time, next week mtg with EMT on hurricane preparedness, next treat delivery in June, future grief counseling, possible with Bo's place per CandaceT
 - c. Parks & Rec—Fee Subcommittee—Diana is our rep. Concern to be able to recoup \$50K in additional part time wages necessary to attract staff. Flat \$20 added to memberships. Tightening policy on 'family' memb. Staff will be looking at programming. New policy on "private instructors" using city facilities. Now must go through parks and Rec. City Council gave 'Star' citizens awards to Chairs of Park Lovers,& Fathers and Flashlights, net \$236K & \$231K.
 - d. Sr. Prog. Fall newsletter in works, Mahjong classes full, Conv. French full, Tax Workshop 30 people. First Precinct 1 field trip, Bellaire nature park outing, (Candace T noted they have fire pit events)
 - e. Shannon—council working on facilities master plan, also sustainability task force, new parking ordinance—businesses on Kirby cannot use city streets for employee parking, John Montgomery negotiated new agreement with Southside on shared services. Increase to \$364K from \$250.
6. Joan Johnson reported on hydrocephalous. Symptoms, balance problems, memory & incontinence. Often not diagnosed in adults. She had a shunt put in which drains fluid and has had remarkable improvement.

Adjournment: (3:25pm)

- 1. Motion to adjourn meeting— Selby Clark seconded by Susan Davis

Submitted by: Candyce Beneke