

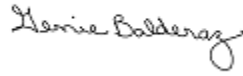


**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 - 10:00 AM**

AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A FRIENDSWOOD SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD AT 416 MORNINGSIDE DR, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, FRIENDSWOOD ACTIVITY BUILDING, REGARDING THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE AGENDA LISTED BELOW:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Communications from the Public**
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Consider approving the minutes of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board Meeting held on April 12, 2021.
- 5. Discussion and Possible Actions**
 - A. Discuss and take possible action regarding upcoming trips and events.
 - B. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the budget and purchasing.
 - C. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Watermelon Bash and Bingo.
 - D. Discuss and take possible action regarding changing the date of the Advisory Board Meeting.
 - E. Discuss and take possible action regarding the Advisory Board Member position available.
- 6. Reports**
 - A. Receive the Assistant Director's Report.
 - B. Receive a report regarding Cinco de Mayo at Stevenson Park.
- 7. Comments**
- 8. Adjournment**



Genie Balderaz
Senior Program Manager

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I, LETICIA BRYSCH, CITY SECRETARY OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD WAS POSTED IN A PLACE CONVENIENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, ON:

05/07/2021

DATE

12:00 P.M.

AT TIME



LETICIA BRYSCH
CITY SECRETARY



**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 9:00 AM**

MINUTES DRAFT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD THAT WAS HELD AT THE FRIENDSWOOD ACTIVITY BUILDING, 416 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Committee Chair Nancy Mastrofrancesco
Committee Member Vickie Hefner
Committee Member Dorothy Montz
Committee Member David O'Brien
Committee Member Yolanda Robles
Committee Member Doris Ochoa
Committee Member Alternate Charlene Mizener
City Council Liaison Sally Branson
City Council Liaison, Alternate Robert J. Griffon
Mayor Mike Foreman
Senior Program Manager Genie Balderaz
Assistant Senior Program Manager Shadey Caraveo-Saldaña
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Michael Boyett

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Nancy Mastrofrancesco called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

2. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member Charlene Mizener.

3. Communications from the Public

Councilmember Sally Branson stated she enjoyed calling Virtual Bingo in March and suggested the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program staff invite other council members to call bingo.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Doris Ochoa moved to approve the November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

5. Discussion of Possible Actions

A. Phase II Reopening Update

Assistant Senior Program Manager Shadey Caraveo-Saldaña stated that the Friendswood Senior Citizen Program is currently open to the public and offering programs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a maximum occupancy of 20 people for most programs. Participants are required to actively participate in a program while in the building but are not required to register in advance. Fitness programs are offered, with 30 minutes in between each session to continue all sanitizing protocols and to ensure a smooth transition during the check-in process between classes. Staff is also planning to offer one trip a month beginning in May. Mrs. Caraveo-Saldaña reported there have been an average of 40 participants a day and feedback has been positive. There has been mixed reviews of staff requiring masks to enter the building, with some expressing the need for more lenient rules but others grateful for the rules and feeling safer.

Committee Chair Nancy Mastrofrancesco asked if staff knew how many seniors were vaccinated, but she was informed that staff is not allowed to ask to see participant vaccination records. However, Mrs. Caraveo-Saldaña mentioned a large majority of the attending members willingly reported they have been vaccinated, and only a few have mentioned that they refuse to get the vaccine.

Committee Member David O'Brien commented that the Dominoes (42) players would be more willing to attend if eating were allowed in the building. PARD Assistant Director Michael Boyett responded that staff would discuss the possibility of allowing participants to bring their snacks to the building.

Committee Member Vickie Hefner requested clarification on what qualified a person as *actively participating* in a program. She mentioned having attended an activity but then had to wait some time before she had a chance to play. Mr. Boyett explained what staff meant by *actively participating* and why this rule was set in place.

Committee Member Vickie Hefner then asked if fundraisers would be planned soon, but staff responded there were no plans to offer such events since the program wasn't offering much.

B. Committee Member Position Available

Committee Chair Nancy Mastrofrancesco asked other members for suggestions on potential members who would be willing to serve the board. Ms. Mastrofrancesco reviewed what needed to be done to be considered for the position and where the application could be found. Some committee members suggested emailing regular participants and posting signs around the building to inform others of the available position. Senior Program Manager Genie Balderaz mentioned she had received three applications of senior citizens that have never come to the program before.

C. Cinco de Mayo at Stevenson Park

[Wednesday, May 05, 2021; 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Stevenson Park] Senior Program Manager Genie Balderaz announced that La Casita would be sponsoring the food for the event. Ms. Balderaz said the owner would serve individual plates to avoid staff from having to serve each item offered. Ms. Balderaz also mentioned staff would offer sweet bread from a nearby Mexican bakery. For entertainment staff was working on hiring an affordable Mariachi and then playing Mexican Bingo called *Loteria*. The event would not be advertised in a newspaper or Facebook to avoid large crowds at the first event. Members would be encouraged to sign up in advance to give staff an idea on interest, but walk-ins would also be welcomed on the day of the event.

Mayor Mike Foreman with Council Members Sally Branson and Robert Griffon offered to sponsor the Mariachi.

6. Reports

A. Assistant Director's Report

PARC Assistant Director Michael Boyett opened for discussion the option of changing the date and time of future board meetings. Mr. Boyett suggested meetings change to Mondays at 10:00 am since the activity building tends to have slow operating days on Monday. The time change would also allow for attending committee members to not miss early fitness programs. After some discussion by the committee members, most liked the proposed time. A permanent change will further be discussed and voted on at the next board meeting scheduled on Monday, May 10, 2021.

Mr. Boyett reported the Spring Sparkle event had a great turnout. Exact attendance and profits from the garage sale benefiting Keep Friendswood Beautiful were still being calculated.

Mr. Boyett then reported the department's next event is the Youth Fishing Derby which is scheduled for May 1, 2021 at the pond in Centennial Park. This is a free event for families. In an effort to encourage social distancing, staff will paint circles on the grass around the pond as spot holders for families. The pond will be stocked two days prior to the event with 600 lbs. of catfish.

Mr. Boyett also reported that the Fourth of July event will start with an evening concert on Sunday, July 4, 2021. The event will start with a performance from The Spazmatics and would end with fireworks. Shuttling from parking lots will be available and a mask will be required to be worn during the ride to and from the event site. The regular route parade down Friendswood Drive will then be offered the morning of Monday, July 5, 2021, which

is the observed Federal Holiday. He mentioned several people suggested the event should be offered as a Saturday/Sunday event, but the Fourth of July planning committee voted for the current plan instead. In case of the pandemic conditions worsening, staff has planned to offer all activities virtually and not open to the public.

7. Comments

8. Adjournment

Committee Member Dorothy Montz moved to adjourn the meeting and Committee Member Doris Ochoa seconded. This meeting was adjourned at 9:39 am.