

**CITY OF GRAPEVINE
COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

The City of Grapevine Parks & Recreation Senior Citizens Advisory Board met October 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in The REC of Grapevine, 1175 Municipal Way, Grapevine, Texas with the following members present, to-wit:

MEMBERS

Roger Jones
Pam Price
Carey Miller
Dick Guckel

LIAISONS

Duff O'Dell, City Council Liaison
Teri Rhodes-Cantu, Housing Authority Liaison
Christine Szymaszek, GRACE Liaison

ABSENT:

Tena Burrell
Betty Davis
Jan Ramsey
Isabelle Boyd, Active Adults Liaison

Constituting a quorum with the following members of City staff:

Kevin Mitchell, Director
Chris Smith, Deputy Director
Hunter Hardeman, Recreation Supervisor
Amanda Rodriguez, Marketing Manager

Dick Guckel called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Invocation by Dick Guckel. Introduction of each person.

Citizen Comments

No Comments

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the July 6, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Miller
Second: Price
Ayes: Miller, Price, Jones, Guckel
Nays: None
Absent: Burrell, Davis, Ramsey
Approved: 4-0

Presentation

Kevin Mitchell presented on being a Gold Medal Award Finalist. The Grapevine Parks and Recreation Gold Medal video was shown.

Kevin Mitchell presented the story behind the Rock Art Trail and how it came to obtain the Guinness

World Record as the 'largest display of painted pebbles/stones'.

Hunter Hardeman spoke about this year's Active Adult Christmas Party. Stated the event did not happen last year, but they are planning to have event for 2021. The event will be on Monday, December 13, at the DFW Lakes Hilton – Austin Ranch Room. The reception will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a welcome and dinner at 6:00 p.m. There will be door prizes and dancing, and the event will conclude at 8:00 p.m. Dick Guckel expressed that FOGSAC would like to financially support the Christmas Party. This event will be capped at 200 attendees, however approx. 150 typically attend.

Miscellaneous

Duff O'Dell gave a city council update – It was a busy summer, and we had a successful Main Street Fest and Grapefest. Tonight is National Night Out with 35 neighborhoods participating. There will be a brief council meeting prior to National Night Out. The Grapevine High School homecoming parade was held and there was a great turn out with everyone having fun. Ridership on the train has picked back up. We have a group headed to Houston to attend the Texas Municipal League Conference. Also, the Historical Society will be meeting at the Library on October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Teri Rhodes-Cantu gave a housing authority update – They are working with the Grapevine Library to bring out the bookmobile. They are delivering books to homebound residents. There are currently 180 people on the housing waitlist.

Christine Szymaszek gave a GRACE update – GRACE moved all requests to telephone during COVID to continue to support efforts. They made emergency boxes and distributed them via drive-thru pick-ups. With senior isolation and loneliness being a major concern, they conducted a high volume of phone calls, doctors' visits, and on-site deliveries. They are now back to in-person. The numbers are down, but volunteerism is up. They are beginning to work on Christmas wish lists. They are also offering COVID shots 2 days per a month and booster shots for seniors. The new donation station on Texan Trail is now open.

Carey Miller mentioned the Empowering Seniors event will not be held this year, adding that the church has sold that facility.


Adjourn


A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Motion: Rhodes-Cantu
Second: Price
Ayes: Burrell, Davis, Jones, Price
Absent: Guckel, Miller, Ramsey
Approved: 4-0

Recording Secretary – Chris Smith, Deputy Director

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS ON THIS 4 DAY OF Jan 2022.


Kevin Mitchell
Director of Parks & Recreation


Dick Guckel
Chairman of the Board