## MINUTES

On November 8, 2017, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board met at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilliland Education Room of the Globe News Centers for the Performing Arts at 500 S. Buchanan for a Special Meeting.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
Chris Bell	No	5	4
Melissa Carter	Yes	5	4
Charlene Cole	Yes	5	5
Mary Coyne	Yes	5	5
Steve Dalrymple	No	5	4
Judy Day	No	5	4
Robert Goodrich	Yes	5	4
Toni Gray	No	5	2
Shirley Heard	No	5	3
Steve Hoyl	Yes	5	4
Terry Price	Yes	5	5
Liz Rascón Alaniz	Yes	5	5
Clay Stribling	Yes	5	3
Jelaine Workman	No	5	4

## Also in attendance were:

Rod Tweet PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR, CITY OF AMARILLO

Linda Pitner SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

CITY OF AMARILLO

Mick McKamie CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
Courtney White ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO

<u>ITEM 1:</u> Call to Order. Chair Melissa Carter established a quorum and called the special meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Senior Services Development Advisory Board to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Carter reviewed the order of the agenda stating that the presentation will be completed before allowing for questions and comments from the board. The public will then be invited to ask questions and comment.

## ITEM 2: Program of Requirements – Facility Feasibility Study Presentation and Discussion.

Linda Pitner reminded the board of the programming assessment and facility feasibility project's background and process. She indicated that today's presentation and discussion represents the first step in the facility feasibility study that is required under the funding memorandum of understanding.

Doug Gallow presented the program of requirements for a potential future Amarillo Active Adult Center noting the steps in facility planning and guiding principles in developing a program of requirements. Mr. Gallow stated the program of requirements was formulated in response to the needs and interests of Amarillo's current and emerging 50+ population per the Blueprint for 21st Century Senior Center survey, 2017 active adult needs and interest survey, and best practices in the senior center industry. He then reviewed the programs and spaces recommended in each of three focus areas being fitness and health, lifelong learning and enrichment, and socialization and recreation. Mr. Gallow added additional rooms and spaces including staff/administrative needs, general and janitorial storage and mechanical and other building systems to round out the proposed program of requirements and a projected building size of about 47,000 square feet including wall thickness and circulation. He then covered recommended outdoor activities and related amenities to be accommodated at a site.

Advisory and Parks Board members had comments and questions concerning the possibility of dividing space among two or three possible locations to provide access for citizens living across the community; use of existing resources including land and meeting spaces; realistic usage of facilities particularly outdoor areas/activities and swimming; consideration of site options when locating a facility including proximity to existing amenities, noting the opportunity for synergy, non duplication and saving resources; correlation between population of a community and center sizes; inclusion of possible community partners in future decisions; presentation of the facility program of requirements represents the hub center recommended in the earlier Blueprint study; possibility of sampling programs and services across the community before jumping into a larger scale project; provision of ways for those who cannot afford fees to have access to the facility/programming and services should a membership program exist; understanding of other city's support general purpose tax support of such facilities, programs and services, and operations; success of a facility and programs and services will require marketing and selling the concept to the community; commendation of the process being used to

complete the programming needs assessment and facility feasibility study as appropriate; support of the community and business community will be essential; and provision of the facility's financial aspect must be addressed.

Comments from citizens included Eddie Moss, 1316 Bowie, liking the program of requirements presented, noting the need for elevators with a multistory building as well as storm shelter provisions, and asking if a commercial kitchen was included to consider the possible rental of the kitchen by small business owners; Alan Abraham, 7205 SW 35<sup>th</sup>, noting competition perceptions and issues with other public and private enterprises/organizations; Charlotte Modersitzki, 2306 Larry St., discussed security issues, current community resource use importance, and including younger generations; and Gary Pitner, #1 Sutton Place, stating the importance of the work being completed to the long-term viability of the Amarillo community.

ITEM 3: Public Forum. No additional public comments.

ITEM 4: Adjournment. There, being no further business, Melissa Carter, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Melissa Carter, Chairman

Linda Pitner, Board Secretary