



**CITY OF ANGLETON
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020, 11:30 A.M.
1601 N VALDERAS ANGLETON, TEXAS 77515**

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ANGLETON SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION IN THE ORDER THEY OCCURRED DURING THE MEETING. THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION OF ANGLETON, TEXAS CONVENED IN A REGULAR MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020, AT 11:30 A.M. IN ROOM ONE OF THE ANGLETON RECREATION CENTER, 1601 N VALDERAS, ANGLETON, TEXAS.

1. Declaration of a quorum and call to order.
With a quorum present, Pat Aschenbeck, Recreation Specialist, called the Senior Citizen Commission meeting to order at 11:33 A.M.
2. Approve the minutes of the meeting called on Monday, September 21, 2020.
Upon a motion by Senior Commission Member, Judy Shaefer, and second by Senior Commission Member, Sarah Mc Daniel, Angleton Senior Citizen Commission approved the minutes of the regularly called meeting of September 21, 2020. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote.
3. Workshop on Senior Citizen Commission Strategic Plan.
Pat Aschenbeck, Recreation Specialist, outlined the strategic plan. City Manager, Chris Whittaker discussed going to City Council to share the progress of the strategic plan once it is approved by the commission. Commission Member, Judy Shaefer suggested talking to the Planning and Zoning Commission for housing information. Commission member, Archie Milam questioned how to be effective on housing and transportation, and Pat suggested educating seniors on available resources. Archie asked about community development and ADA guidelines. Commission Member, Sarah McDaniel discussed the lack of senior facilities in Angleton. She stated that many seniors are on a fixed income concerning housing pricing. Recreation Center Superintendent, Geri Gonzales, outlined the objectives as education and gathering resources of existing services, gathering and researching information with Planning and Zoning commission and Building Services department along with providing information and feedback to council and Planning and Zoning. Pat Aschenbeck stated safety as another issue. Pat suggested working with first responders, such as City police and fire, to talk with

seniors. Chris Whittaker discussed having an accessibility standard for building in place for new developments. Archie Milam suggested that new developments should follow ADA guidelines if intended for the elderly. The Commission was satisfied with the objectives for housing. Pat Aschenbeck discussed transportation and suggested reaching out to the County public transit system to discuss routes and use. She also mentioned that Actions has a senior pick up system in place for shopping, doctor's appointment, and prescription pick up with a two-week notice. Archie Milam expressed concern with the two week wait period of Actions and the need to research a taxi service for Angleton. Pat Aschenbeck added the need to educate seniors on County transit stops. She also explained about the grocery shopping program proposed through the Recreation Center. Pat went into the details of the program. Geri Gonzales reviewed the objectives as far as educating the public transit routes, meeting with transit staff to discuss concerns and provide input, looking into Uber Grub Hub, etc. services, and educating the public on the Actions and Angleton Parks & Recreation services. Judy Shaefer suggested starting a volunteer list to take seniors to appointments. Pat Aschenbeck discussed healthcare. She discussed having a representative of Medicare to provide information. Archie Milam discussed the need for transportation to doctors' appointments. Judy Shaefer talked about medication cost, using Good RX for lower prices on medicines. Chris Whittaker suggested having someone from the hospital come to talk about options. Geri Gonzales stated the objectives for healthcare are to educate seniors on Medicare and having UTMB provide healthcare information, along with continuing with flu shots and pneumonia. Pat Aschenbeck discussed legislation. Chris Whittaker suggested having the state representative hold a public forum to speak to seniors and provide feedback on legislation. Archie Milam added having addresses for public officials available for seniors. Geri Gonzales stated the objectives as contacting the state representative to hold a public forum and provide feedback to seniors and adding information on the city's website on how to contact the local and state representatives. Pat Aschenbeck discussed recreation. Chris Whittaker suggested using two buses on trips or one bus for local and one bus for out of town trips. Archie Milam asked about the timeline for trips starting again and Pat Aschenbeck discussed the proposed reopening plan and its timeline. Geri Gonzales discussed the capacity of the facility and following the governor's guidelines with recreation programming. Geri Gonzales stated the objectives as fitness classes, in-person, and virtual programming, and trips. The commission discussed lunch trips but expressed concern with restaurant capacity. Pat Aschenbeck discussed the Quality of Life component. Pat suggested having City first responders provide information for seniors along with educating on Actions resources. Roger Collins suggested providing information to local churches. Chris Whittaker asked that all information gathered to be presented to the city council. He also discussed proposing new housing development to add features that benefit seniors. Geri Gonzales discussed the objectives as safety, first responders information, advertising Actions resources, Angleton Parks and Recreation scholarship program, community outreach, and getting information to churches and mental health issues.

HOUSING

No update

TRANSPORTATION

4. Discussion on Transportation Division updates.

Pat Aschenbeck discussed the lease agreement and explained the wrap concepts. Geri Gonzales discussed what the bus would be used for and wanted a wrap that would identify the city. Archie Milam discussed that he did not like the words on the back of the bus on the concept with the city logo on it. He suggested it should be a more universal design, as well as leasing the bus out to schools or ball teams when no trips were scheduled. Judy Shaefer suggested incorporating Lakeside Park and the Silver Hearts logo into the design. Geri Gonzales said that Director of Communication, Martha Eighme was developing a corporate package that she will present to the council, which can then be incorporated into the design. Geri Gonzales also stated that Parks Board, ABLC Board, and Senior Commission will all be providing feedback for the design before submitting it to the city council for final approval.

HEALTH CARE

No update

LEGISLATIVE

No update

RECREATION

5. Discussion on Recreation Division updates.

Christmas Drive-Thru Update – Pat Aschenbeck discussed details of the Senior Christmas party to include: a current registration of 27 Seniors, the choice for catering the party to be Smithhart’s, that staff will be dispersing a goodie bag to everyone that included a Zoom code and instructions for logging on to the party, a gentleman will play Santa and wave to seniors as they drive by, and that Gypsy Signs will put up signage in the front yard area. Judy Shaefer and Sarah McDaniel volunteered to help with the passing out of the food. There will be at least 10 door prizes given away and Judy and Archie will both be bringing in additional door prizes.

Virtual Classes Update – Pat Aschenbeck discussed the Thankful Week promotional program that allows seniors to get entered a drawing for prizes if they sign up for the Christmas party, referred someone else to sign up, or if they like, comment, and share a post on Facebook. Geri Gonzales also explained the other Thankful promotion that is open to all ages. If patrons attend fitness classes or use the facility and accumulate 12 punches on their card, they will get a gift bag containing a face mask, a hot/cold pack, and a towel.

6. Items for the next Senior Citizen Commission meeting.

Pat set the next meeting for December 7th, 2020. The commission will review and approve the strategic plan.

7. Adjournment.

Pat Aschenbeck, Recreation Specialist, adjourned the meeting at 1:02 P.M.

ATTEST:

Pat Aschenbeck _____

Pat Aschenbeck
Senior Coordinator