



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection
14055 Dennis Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, June 12, 2025

1:00 PM

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Board Members Present: Chair Deborah Hull, Vice Chair Matt Rice, Secretary Debra Krusehart, Mary Creason, Rick Cathey, Deborah Long, Emeritus Ruth Fuls

Board Members Absent: Joyce Benoit, Tammy Bennett

City Staff Present: Director of Parks and Recreation Rob Diaz, Recreation Superintendent Jessica Alvarado, The Branch Connection Manager Jackie Byles, Recreation Assistant Manager Jennifer Stone, Recreation Supervisor Kevin Branch.

A. CALL TO ORDER - (1 P.M.)

Deborah Hull, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approval of minutes for the April 10, 2025 meeting, and take appropriate action.

Matt Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Creason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C.2 Receive an update regarding Senior Advisory Board minutes.

Jackie Byles gave an update to the Senior Advisory Board regarding the change in how board minutes will be recorded moving forward. No action taken.

C.3 Receive The Branch Connections' second-quarter report.

Jackie Byles reviewed the second quarter report of The Branch Connection. He noted that during this period, all report categories were impacted due to renovation, but would expect to see improvements for the third quarter due to returning to the building post-renovation.

C.4 Review of Board Absences Ordinance No. 3730.

Jackie Byles reviewed Ordinance No. 3730 regarding board absences. Matt Rice did have a question regarding the twelve-month time frame.

C.5 Review events and activities.

Jackie Byles reviewed the activities planned for the month of June. Matt Rice, and Rick Cathey attended Texas Hold ‘Em and also cooked hot dogs for Friday Franks. Deborah Long also attended Texas Hold ‘Em. Jennifer Stone talked about upcoming trips.

C.6 Receive an update from the following appointed sub-committees.

- **Spotlight**
- **Memorial**
- **Century**
- **Social Program Series**
- **Veterans Day**
- **Renovation**

The following updates were provided for each subcommittee:

- Spotlight- They want to bring the spotlight board back and will discuss in the future.
- Memorial – Will review a future application for the memorial board.
- Century- One resident had a proclamation for turning 100 years of age.
- Social Program Series – Jennifer Stone gave an update about the July social series program.
- Veterans Day – Matt Rice spoke about the guest speaker for the event and future meetings.
- Renovation – Jackie Byles gave an update on the renovation, and it is nearly fully completed. This item for the subcommittee update will be dissolved once completion is reached.

C.7 Discuss agenda items for future Senior Advisory Board meetings.

Matt Rice had requested to discuss programming at the next meeting. The agenda item to discuss plans for a time capsule was also discussed to add.

C.8 Receive the Senior Advisory Board and City Council update calendar.

Jackie Byles reviewed upcoming events and dates.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt Rice moved to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Long seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Deborah Hull, Chair

Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection Manager