



# City of Farmers Branch

## Minutes

### Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection  
14055 Dennis Lane  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, September 12, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Community Recreation Center -  
Pecan Room

**Meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center Pecan Room.**

**PRESIDING: Deborah Hull, Chair**

**PRESENT: Matt Rice, Vice Chair  
Debra Krusehart, Secretary  
Joyce Benoit  
Mary Creason  
Christopher McGuire  
Deborah Long  
Rick Cathey  
Ruth Fuls, Emeritus**

**STAFF: Robert Diaz, Parks and Recreation Director  
Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent  
Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection Manager  
Jennifer Stone, TBC Assistant Manager  
Kevin Branch, Recreation Supervisor**

**ABSENT: Tammy Bennett**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Deborah Hull, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**C. AGENDA ITEMS**

**C.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the August 8, 2024 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

Mary Creason motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Joyce Benoit seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**C.2 FY 2025 Budget Update.**

Robert Dias updated the Senior Advisory Board on the upcoming fiscal year's budget. He clarified that The Branch Connection would remain fully operational without reducing facility hours.

**C.3 Review Events and Activities.**

Jackie Byles reviewed the programs offered for the month of September. Matt Rice participated in the cooking club and open recreation. Deborah Hull mentioned she attended a show at the Firehouse Theater.

**C.4 Discuss the Game Night Event and take appropriate action.**

Jennifer Stone updated the timelines for the event day and discussed the prizes and gift bags for participants at the Game Night Event. The setup for the event was also addressed.

**C.5 Receive an update from all appointed sub-committees.**

Matt Rice reported information regarding the Veterans Day Celebration sub-committee and discussed band performance, rotary club involvement, and guest speakers. He also discussed the chairs for the renovation committee. Jackie Byles and Robert Diaz presented the chairs for the ballroom's purchase options. Jackie Byles also discussed the renovation phase two demo in the building as having begun.

**C.6 Discuss agenda items for future Senior Advisory Board meetings.**

Jackie Byles noted that the October agenda would be game night and year in review.

**C.7 Receive the Senior Advisory Board and City Council update calendar.**

Jackie Byles reviewed the calendar and discussed updates.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Matt Rice moved to adjourn the September 12, 2024, meeting. Debra Krusehart seconded the motion, which carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

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Deborah Hull, Chair

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Jackie Byles, The Branch  
Connection Manager