



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection
14055 Dennis Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, March 5, 2026.

1:00 P.M.

The Branch Connection

Board Members Present: Deborah Hull, Matt Rice, Debra Krusehart, Everardo Oviedo, Deborah Long, Rick Cathey, and Marsha Valenti.

Board Members Absent: Mary Creason.

City Staff Present: The Branch Connection Manager, Jackie Byles, Recreation Assistant Manager, Jennifer Stone.

A. CALL TO ORDER - (1:00 P.M.)

Chair Matt Rice called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approval of minutes for the February 5, 2026, meeting; and take appropriate action.

Deborah Hull made a motion to approve the minutes with a modification. Deborah Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C.2 Receive The Branch Connections first-quarter report

Jackie Byles reviewed The Branch Connections' first-quarter report with the Senior Advisory Board.

C.3 Review events and activities.

Jackie Byles reviewed the activities planned for March. The Senior Advisory Board members reported on programs they attended.

C.4 Receive an update from the following appointed sub-committees:

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

The following updates were provided for each subcommittee:

- **Spotlight**- Discussed that this subcommittee would dissolve. Any future spotlight awards will be selected on a separate agenda item. The next award will be in July.
- **Memorial** – No new updates at this time, and will remain as is with current subcommittee members.
- **Social Program Series** – The subcommittee discussed plans for the March social program. Everett will be added to this group after the March social program.
- **Veterans Day** – This group will meet in April and will be paused until reactivated. Matt Rice and Rick Cathey serve on this subcommittee
- **Renovation** – No update at this time.

C.5 Discuss agenda items for future Senior Advisory Board meetings.

The Senior Advisory Board mentioned they would like to receive updated information regarding The Grove and the Historical Park.

C.6 Receive the Senior Advisory Board and City Council update calendar.

Matt Rice reviewed upcoming events and the new board meeting dates.

C.7 Receive an update on Liberty Plaza relocation.

Jackie Byles updated the Senior Advisory Board on possible locations for relocating Liberty Plaza. The Senior Advisory Board will be updated once a new site is located.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Deborah Hull made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debra Krusehart seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Matt Rice, Chair

Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection
Manager