



# City of Farmers Branch

## Minutes

### Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection  
14055 Dennis Lane  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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Thursday, August 12, 2021

1:00 p.m.

The Branch Connection

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**Meeting held at 1:00 p.m. at The Branch Connection.**

**Presiding: Deborah Hull, Chair**

**Present: Beth Ferrell, Vice Chair  
Ruth Fuls  
Priscilla Mowinkel  
Matt Rice  
Wayne Weirich  
Jonette Henderson  
Joyce Benoit**

**Absent: Lynne Dray, Secretary**

**Staff: Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection Manager  
Jennifer Stone, Recreation Supervisor  
Lynette Hill, Recreation Supervisor**

#### **B. AGENDA ITEMS**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Deborah Hull, Chair.

#### **B.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the July 8, 2021 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Priscilla Mowinkel to approve the minutes for June 10, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ruth Fuls. Motion carried.

#### **B.2 Consider excusing the absence of Board Members from the July 8, 2021 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

Beth Ferrell moved to approve Jonette Henderson and Ruth Fuls absence from the July 8, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Priscilla Mowinkel. Motion carried.

**B.3 Review of Section 2-266 of the Code of Ordinances for the Senior Advisory Board; and take appropriate action.**

Matt Rice moved to approve suggested edits of Section 2-266 of the Code of Ordinances for the Senior Advisory Board. The suggested edits are:

1. In section (a) to update the month of "September" to the month of "July" or annually.
2. In section (b), the suggestion was to have edits to read as: The board shall hold regular monthly meetings and shall designate the time and place of such meetings. Board meetings may be canceled if requested by the Senior Advisory Board. Board meetings shall be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Deborah Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B.4 Review of Section 2-268 of the Code of Ordinances for the Senior Advisory Board; and take appropriate action.**

Priscilla Mowinkel moved to approve suggested edits of Section 2-268 of the Code of Ordinances for the Senior Advisory Board. The suggested edits are:

1. In section (a) to edit the words "senior center" to "The Branch Connection."
2. In section (b) to remove the word "treasurer";
3. In section (b) (1) edit the word "He", and remove section (b) (3), which will be replaced by section (b) (4).

Beth Ferrell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**B.5 Receive The Branch Connection 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report.**

Jackie Byles reported The Branch Connection's third quarterly report for the current fiscal year. Topics reviewed were expenses, revenue, programs offered, amount of participants, and overall cost recovery.

**B.6 Receive an update on the Game Night event.**

Jennifer Stone updated the Senior Advisory Board about the sponsorship deadline set for August 27, 2021. She also discussed with the board members of our \$9,000 goal for sponsorship. Entrées were discussed, and menu options were reviewed for the Italian-themed dinner.

**B.7 Discussion on The Branch Connection Marketing.**

Beth Ferrell asked members in what ways they were receiving information on The Branch Connection activities and programs. Joyce Benoit notified she received information via emails. Priscilla Mowinkel added she received information from Facebook and also discussed possibly using Texas Chatter. Deborah Hull, Wayne Weirich, and Ruth Fuls noted they primarily received information through newsletters, emails, or Facebook. Matt Rice also received information via Facebook.

**B.8 Receive an update on upcoming activities.**

Jackie Byles updated the Senior Advisory Board on the upcoming August activities and August 18, 2021, Winstar Trip.

**B.9 Receive an update from all appointed sub-committees.**

Priscilla Mowinkel updated on the Century program task force and discussed updating the application form for deadlines and specifications. The Memorial sub-committee will be adding Kirk Connally.

**B.10 Receive a report from the Board members on activities attended.**

Priscilla Mowinkel attended the City Council meeting, Branch Bazaar, and bridge. Wayne Weirich attended swimming programs at the Aquatics Center offered on Monday/Wednesday, Monday night dance, and getting sponsors for Game Night. Deborah Hull participated in the Cooking Club, monthly breakfast, Monday night dance, City Council meeting, Hoppy Hour at the Frog Pond, and Farmers Branch Night Out. Matt Rice participated in the concert at The Grove, dominoes, Monday night dance, Cooking Club, Shared Moments, City Council meeting, monthly breakfast, Mary Silva gathering for her Proclamation, and Texas Hold 'Em. Beth Ferrell attended the Monday night dance, monthly breakfast, Neglected History, watercolor class, and volunteered at the front desk. Joyce Benoit participated in the power walking class.

**B.11 Discuss agenda items for future Senior Advisory Board meetings.**

The Senior Advisory Board requested an agenda item for board members to discuss program ideas for the next meeting.

**B.12 Receive the Senior Advisory Board meeting and City Council schedules.**

Jackie Byles discussed the next Senior Advisory Board meeting would be held at The Branch Connection on September 9, 2021, at 1 p.m.

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Matt Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jonette Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Deborah Hull, Chair

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Jackie Byles, Branch  
Connection Manager