



City of Farmers Branch Action Meeting Minutes Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection
14055 Dennis Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, October 9, 2025

1:00 PM

The Branch Connection

Board Members Present: Deborah Hull, Matt Rice, Debra Krusehart, Mary Creason, Deborah Long, Emeritus Ruth Fuls

Board Members Absent: Joyce Benoit

City Staff Present: Robert Diaz, Parks & Recreation Director, The Branch Connection Manager, Jackie Byles, Recreation Assistant Manager, Jennifer Stone, Recreation Supervisor, Kevin Branch

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

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

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

C.1 Consider approval of minutes for the September 11, 2025, meeting; and take appropriate action.

Deborah Long made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Creason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C.2 Consider approval of new Senior Advisory Board meeting dates; and take appropriate action.

Deborah Long made a motion to change the Senior Advisory Board meeting day to the first Thursday of the month. Mary Creason seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C.3 Receive an update from the Farmers Branch Police Department regarding the Citizens On Patrol Academy.

Jackie Byles provided an update to the Senior Advisory Board from the police department offering an academy for those interested in joining Citizens on Patrol. Classes will be held at The Branch Connection.

C.4 Review events and activities.

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

C.5 Review for Year in Review.

Matt Rice provided the Year in Review presentation to the Senior Advisory Board members for review and recommendations. The board provided input, and some edits were added to the presentation.

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- Award will be awarded every 6 months.
- Memorial – Matt Rice made a motion to add Sam Allen to the Memorial Board, and Deborah Hull seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Century- No update for this meeting.
- Social Program Series – The subcommittee discussed future ideas and plans for the next series.
- Veterans Day – Matt Rice gave an update to the Senior Advisory Board members.
- Renovation – Jackie Byles gave an update on the floors and completion timeline.

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

Jackie Byles reported that the November meeting will reflect the updated calendar to reflect the new meeting dates.

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

Jackie Byles reviewed upcoming events and dates.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Deborah Hull moved to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Krusehart seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Matt Rice, Chair

Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection Manager