



# City of Farmers Branch

## Minutes

### Senior Advisory Board

The Branch Connection  
14055 Dennis Lane  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

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Thursday, September 9, 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  
Lynne Dray, Secretary  
Ruth Fuls  
Priscilla Mowinkel  
Wayne Weirich  
Joyce Benoit

**Absent:** Matt Rice  
Jonette Henderson

**Staff:** Michael Mashburn, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Rachael Arroyo, Recreation Superintendent  
Jackie Byles, The Branch Connection Manager  
Jennifer Stone, Recreation Supervisor  
Lynnette Hill, Recreation Supervisor

#### **B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments.

#### **C. AGENDA ITEMS**

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

##### **C.1 Consider approval of Minutes for the August 12, 2021 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

A motion was made by Beth Ferrell to approve the minutes for August 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Joyce Benoit. Motion carried.

**C.2 Consider excusing the absence of Board Members from the August 12, 2021 meeting; and take appropriate action.**

Priscilla Mowinkel moved to approve Lynne Dray absence from the August 12, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ruth Fuls. Motion carried.

**C.3 Receive an update on Game Night event.**

Jennifer Stone notified The Senior Advisory Board that the total of \$10,925 in sponsorship for the Game Night event has been received. The amount of sponsorship collected achieved our goal of \$5,000 set at the beginning of July. At that time, there were 179 Game Night tickets sold. Jennifer also reviewed The Senior Advisory Board job duties during the event, which included distributing the event program and funny money used for the casino games.

**C.4 Discussion of The Branch Connection programs.**

This item was requested to be rescheduled for October's meeting.

**C.5 Receive an update on the biannual report.**

Deborah Hull updated the Senior Advisory Board members on the biannual report presented to the City Council on September 7, 2021.

**C.6 Receive an update on future renovations.**

Director Michael Mashburn notified the Senior Advisory Board that the City Council had passed and agreed to allocate funds for renovations to be completed for The Branch Connection. Michael Mashburn also presented an example of some ideas for a visual reference. However, no layout or designs had been selected and notified the group. As the plans progress, they will be shared with the Senior Advisory Board.

**C.7 Receive an update on upcoming activities.**

Jackie Byles updated the Senior Advisory Board on September activities and September 18, 2021, Game Night.

**C.8 Receive an update from all appointed sub-committees.**

The Memorial sub-committee will be adding Kirk Connally to the memorial board. Priscilla Mowinkel also mentioned the recognition for the two previous Century Club members.

**C.9 Receive a report from the Board members on activities attended.**

Priscilla Mowinkel attended the study session meeting, Cooking Club, 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 presented at the study session. She also attended a Monday Night Dance. Beth Ferrell attended Neglected History, watercolor class and volunteered at the front desk.

**C.10 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.

**C.11 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 October 14, 2021, at 1 p.m.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Ruth Fuls made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Wayne Weirich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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Deborah Hull, Chair

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Jackie Byles, Branch  
Connection Manager