



Regular Meeting
Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:00 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Wayne Schurter at 2:00pm

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Alan Atchison
Kate Clayton
Diane Eure
Ron Page
Mae Watts Parrish
David Ross
Wayne Schurter

Staff Present:

Nick Riali
Christie Murillo

- III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period** Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in the order in which they signed-up. Each speaker will be provided up to three minutes to speak. Persons wishing to participate (speak) during the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting must email nriali@sanmarcostx.gov prior to 12:00PM the day of the meeting. A call-in number to join by phone or link to join by a mobile device, laptop or desktop computer will be provided for participation.

- There were no citizen comments

IV. MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes:

A motion was made by Mae Watts Parrish, seconded by Diane Eure, to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

For	7 -	Alan Atchison, Wayne Schurter, Ron Page, David Ross, Kate Clayton, Mae Watts Parrish, Diane Eure
Against	0	

V. PRESENTATIONS

2. Receive a Presentation from Board Member Mae Parrish on Senior housing issues, and hold discussion:

- Per Board Member Watts's presentation-
 - Recently I talked with a woman who works for Angels for Elders, a company that provides home visits to senior adults in their late 60's through their 90's. She told me that many people are bringing their older parents out of senior communities into their homes because of fears the Coronavirus is rampant in these institutions and feel their loved ones will be safer at home with family. In other cases, older adults choose to age-in-place at home by themselves.
 - There is a growing demand for home-health workers. Home-health companies can't keep up with the need to help families with elderly members at home or those seniors who choose to age-in-place. In some cases, family and friends are filling the gap brought on by the caregiver shortage for home care.
 - Churches sometimes help with home modifications. One is 1st Baptist Church of Wimberley which has formed an outreach group called Carpenter's Helpers. They help older adults adapt their homes with grab bars and other home safety changes.
 - There are several senior active living communities in central Texas including Overlook at Plum Creek in Kyle, Creekside in Buda and Kissing Tree in San Marcos. However, the cost of housing in Kissing Tree for example is out of reach for lower income and many middle-income seniors. House prices there are escalating by as much as 20% year to year.
 - For those who can't or don't want to maintain a house, there are apartment communities in San Marcos including Stonebrook, Mariposa, La Vista, and Sunrise. For those requiring assisted living, two Brookdale locations and the new Sage Brook community are available. But they are not inexpensive.
 - Older San Marcos residents living in old homes throughout San Marcos, are threatened by of the increasing cost of living. Some are being forced to sell their homes. Those homes are quickly bought and rehabbed to suit the demand for housing by people relocating to San Marcos.
 - Affordable housing has become a hot topic in San Marcos due in large part to the number of apartments being built in the community for students. There's resentment by some long-time residents that no plans have been made to address the problem. Seniors on fixed incomes are hardest hit.
 - Note: According to Matrix, a resource used by Realtors, there are 4,451 adults 65-74+ living in San Marcos which is a little more than 10% of the population. A breakout of income was not available at the time this report was done.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

3. Discuss and consider approval, by motion, the 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award selection criteria:

A motion was made by Diane Eure, seconded by Kate Clayton, to approve the 2021 Outstanding Senior Citizen Award selection criteria.

- Information needs to go out in April/May
- Return nominations 2 weeks before June meeting to Nick Riali
- Board will select winner during June meeting
- Need to send information to Clay DeStefano at Price Center

The motion carried by the following vote:

For	7 -	Alan Atchison, Wayne Schurter, Ron Page, David Ross, Kate Clayton, Mae Watts Parrish, Diane Eure
Against	0	

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Hold discussion regarding the Senior Citizen Advisory Board Bylaws
 - Board reviews Bylaws
 - Board will need to elect new Chair and Vice-Chair at June meeting
5. Hold discussion regarding the Senior Citizen Advisory Board Mission and Goals Statement
 - Board reviews Mission and Goals Statement
 - No questions or changes were discussed or requested
6. Hold discussion regarding future priorities of the Senior Citizen Advisory Board
 - Board reviews future priorities
 - No changes were discussed or requested
7. Hold discussion regarding the Senior Resource Guide
 - Board discusses breaking apart Senior resource guide into volumes; separate by likeness
 - Board Members Parrish, Page and Chair Schurter agree to work together to clean up this guide; they will have an updated version at June meeting
8. Hold discussion regarding the Big Mini Program
 - Board Member Eure presents her experience with the program

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. Board Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*


- Elect Chair and Vice-Chair
- Outstanding Senior Citizen Award selection
- Vision SMTX follow-up

VII. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH PRESS AND PUBLIC

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm by Board Chair Wayne Schurter


Board Chair

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Staff Liaison