

State of Texas

County of Brazoria

City of Freeport

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Senior Citizen's Commission of Freeport, Texas met on Monday, April 20, 2026

at 12:00 PM at the Freeport River Place Community House located at 733 Mystery Harbor Lane, Freeport Texas for the purpose of considering the following agenda items:

Senior Citizens Commission: Jane Hawkins
Brenda Laird
Nicole Mireles
Virginia Tippen
Dana Glenn
Carol Parker

Staff: Bella Ramirez, Isabella Cespedes, Dr. Danielle Kelly

Visitors: Winston Rossow

CALL TO ORDER:

Call Meeting to Order

Jane Hawkins called the meeting to order at 11:39 am. She declared that a quorum was present.

Invocation and Pledge

Winston Rossow led the invocation, and Ms. Hawkins led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments - (This is an opportunity for citizens and visitors to address the Senior Citizens Commission on any agenda or non-agenda item. Individuals must register in advance and adhere to a (4) four-minute time limit.)

APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

Action regarding Minutes. March 23rd, 2026.

With the absence of board president, Brenda Laird motioned that Ms. Tippen be appointed chairperson pro-tem. The motion was seconded by Ms. Parker. With all present voting "Aye," the commission unanimously approved the motion.

Carol Parker brought to our attention a misspell and date of meeting mis typed. Correction of tip to trip and 18th corrected to 20th for meeting. Ms. Parker made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Virginia Tippen. With all present voting "Aye," the commission unanimously approved the motion.

PRESENTATION /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Announcements:

Loretta Cady stated that an accurate count of remaining budget will be shared with the board as soon as EDC reimbursement is reconciled. The approximate budget remaining is \$7,500 for spending until the end of the fiscal year – September 30th.

Board Member Announcements:

Nichole Mireles: wanted a formal vote on the Food for June meeting. Brenda made a motion to accept the proposal from Mamma C's for the lunch to be served at the Picnic. Seconded by Carol, Vote after discussion was 4-0 aye passed unanimously approved.

Carol: Bus Trip deemed successful. Pictures and banner will be presented in thanks to EDC for sponsorship, and reported Freeport pamphlets were left at the Railroad Museum. She has visited restaurants looking for bids to cater the monthly meetings. She got flyers out about activities.

Brenda: Thanks to Loretta. Agreed Trip was top notch.

BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and possible action to review board member

Carol Parker stated that she had presented the trip to the Freeport Economic Development Corporation for sponsorship of bus, driver tip and \$1000 for food, with the understanding that the museum admission would be from the SCC budget for admission fee. Following table of task/responsibilities: Bella Ramirez and Museum staff will continue to register and collect signed waivers. All board members will help disseminate flyers for EDC. Mrs. Ramirez will create a "Thank you poster for EDC for picture opportunities; Mrs. Mireles will orchestrate pictures and disseminate them. Mrs. Ramirez and Loretta Cady will continue gathering signed waivers for registration & bus trip and make a packet. Isabella Cespedes & Mrs. Ramirez will coordinate with Bus driver to coordinate pick-up. Virginia Tippen with Mrs. Mireles will picture participants with sign. Winston Rossow will use clip board to count the participants for waiver packet. While onboard, Ms. Tippen will take drink option orders to take to the restaurant on arrival. Mrs. Parker will remind riders of schedule and what time to be back on bus. Carol will let participants know they can stay longer at the museum or walk around Rosenberg. Ms. Cespedes will carry additional paper copy of tax exemption. Mr. Rossow will account for all participants at 1:45 for departure for RiverPlace. Ms. Tippen will wait until all participants have left the parking lot safely.

2. Discussion regarding May 18th bingo event.

Round table discussion was had about assigning tasks for the event. Mrs. Mireles and Mrs. Parker will ensure flyer distribution to hi-traffic areas. Ms. Cady will email community@thefacts.com. Ms. Cady must email city hall to be include in Upcoming Events of City Council. Dr. Kelly was asked to help with City services scheduling for coverage and key access for the duration of events. All Board members are asked to participate in Bingo set up: Prizes, cards, cage & holder set up, and microphone. Board members and police department volunteers will help verify Bingo wins to speed up process. Board members will supervise Prize table.

3. Discussion regarding June 15th indoor picnic event.

Ms. Hawkins will contact Brazosport ROTC for flag folding ceremony.

4. Discussion regarding July 20th bingo event.

Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Virginia Tippen and seconded by Carol Parker, with all present voting "Aye," the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 P.M.


City Liaison