

PARKS AND RECREATION
6:00 PM Wednesday February 19, 2014
Recreation Center Meeting Room
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kim Padgett, Jeff Addicks, Todd Blitzer, Paula Mey, Alissa Leightman

Members Absent: Gay Mayeux, Jim Broadwell

Staff Liaison: Mark Carter

Council Liaison: Mandy Nathan

Visitor: None

1 & 2: Call to order, roll call and announcement of quorum:

Meeting called to order by chair, Jeff Addicks at 6:04 pm.

3: Approval of minutes from November 20, 2013

Correction on Page 2, item 7, "concert" to be changed to "concrete." Motion to approve the minutes made by Kim Padgett and second by Alissa Leightman.

4: Visitors' comments:

None

5. Reports:

a. Patrons for Bellaire Parks:

- a. Trolleywood movie night had a great turn out. Despicable Me was the featured film.
- b. Tens in Town is coming up.

c. Evelyn's Park:

i. Pop Up in the Park

- a. Next event is Saturday February 22, 2014 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm
- b. Last event was a great turn out.
- c. More vendors and food trucks this time.

ii. Family Fit Day.

- 1. May 3, 2014 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

iii. Park is in full fund raising mode.

iv. Working with the architect Lake/Flato and Landscape Architect SWA on phasing of the project.

- 1. Goal is to break ground with first phase August/September of this year.

- v. Farmers Market concept.
 - 1. Still working on it.
 - 2. Still talking to Urban Harvest.

b. Staff Comment:

- a. Pavilion Final Punch List has been completed.
 - i. Contractor will be replacing the metal roof with proper flashing.
 - ii. The Pavilion was missing the proper flashing at the front and rear of the roof.

c. Council Liaison Comments:

- a. Bellaire Officially has a new City Manager, Paul Hofmann. His first day was Monday.
 - i. Wife Barbara.
 - ii. Three(3) Adult Kids.
 - iii. Moved here from Kerville.
- b. HISD is having another presentation meeting for Condit Elementary.
 - i. Tuesday February 25th at 6:30 at Condit Elementary.
- c. Chief of Police, Chief Holloway, is having a Community Meeting on Thursday February 27th at 7:00 pm.
- d. TXDOT
 - i. Bellaire has approved the hiring of an attorney to help Bellaire communicate with TXDOT with regards to the proposed braided ramp and other changes to the 610 West Loop.
 - ii. Intent is to make sure Bellaire has input over decisions that are made.
- e. Uptown
 - i. Uptown is now saying that that they want the transit station garage to be located in Bellaire, versus Houston.
 - ii. This will be an ongoing subject.
- f. Payday Loan businesses.
 - i. City of Bellaire is considering regulations and restrictions to set in place.
 - 1. Houston recently passed regulations and restrictions impacting these type of businesses.
- g. Permit parking approved by the City of Bellaire for Mary Lane.
- h. Way Finding signage project seems to have been placed on hold at the moment.

6. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

- a. Evergreen Park.
 - i. A review of repair and maintenance fees paid for Evergreen Park is about \$600,000 or so since 2006 (needs to be verified).
 - ii. The existing facilities, such as the existing pool, needs to be looked at and analyzed.
 - 1. This needs to go through Jane.
 - 2. Todd Blitzer to help find a few commercial pool companies that may be able to help and forward those names to Jane.

- b. Connection of City of Bellaire Trails to City of Houston trails.
 - a. COH Council woman Ellen Cohn and COH Parks and Recreation board Chairman Joe Turner are proposing connecting Bellaire's park system to the COH through the use of the Rail Road easement along the east side of Bellaire.
 - i. The easement extends down the RR Tracks to Memorial Park.
 - ii. The discussion has just begun.
- c. The Parks analysis, information, and feedback from Committee members is being compiled into a report to be ultimately presented to City Council.
 - a. Goal is to present to City Council before June 2014.

7. Discussions and possible action regarding motorized vehicles/scooters in the parks.

- a. Issue over motorized vehicles being allowed in parks has been brought to the Parks and Recreation Board for consideration.
- b. We will defer to Jane for input as to how to proceed to limit the use of motorized vehicles in our parks.
 - i) Post Signs.
 - ii) Have Council consider an ordinance, etc.
- c. There was further discussion as to whether or not to allow bicycles on the jogging trail along Newcastle.
 - i) This is something to consider.

8. Update Pertaining to BTS Multi-Purpose Great Lawn Project.

- a. No further comments.

9. Board Comments:

- a. Paula:
 - i) Should dogs be allowed in parks.
 - ii) Jeff was going to bring it up.
 - (1) His recommendation was to allow dogs on Paseo Park that runs down Bellaire Blvd.
 - (a) Question as to whether other parks should allow pets, such as Holly Street.
 - (2) This will be addressed in the Master Plan.

10. Adjournment:

- a. Alyssa presented a motion to adjourn, Todd seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 7:04 PM.