

PARKS AND RECREATION
6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 2014
Recreation Center Meeting Room – Moved to Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Kim Padgett, Jeff Addicks, Todd Blitzer, Jim Broadwell, and Alissa Leightman

Members absent: Gay Mayeux and Paula Mey

Staff liaison: Jane Dembski

Council liaison: Mandy Nathan

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

Meeting called to order by Jeff Addicks, at 6:05 PM, quorum present.

3. Approval of minutes from April 16, 2014

Motion made to approve minutes for April 16, 2014 meeting by Todd Blitzer, seconded by Alissa Leightman; approved unanimously.

4. Visitors' comments

CM shared vision that Jane will be focused on completing Master Plan. Share with City council by early 2015. Karl Miller will be interim Parks Director and will still be in charge of facilities.

5. Reports

a) Patrons for Bellaire Parks:

- Cindy Siegel is new president.
- \$12K raised so far for dive in Movie set for August.
- Working on next Wine & Tapas event.

b) Evelyn's Park:

- Continue to fundraise.
- City Council conducting interviews to fill two open positions.

c) Staff Comments:

- 130 people attended recent play moved indoors due to weather.
- Swim team – Four meets, new swim coach doing well.
- Camp Paseo doing well – no issues.
- July was named Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation by City Council.
- July 4th parade – Jim B to help.

d) Council Liaison Comments:

- Review of Evelyn's Park Plan, and renegotiate terms of agreement between City and Conservancy.
- City Council approved funding for Nature Center to apply for bond money.
- Approved Condit SUP.
- Council to tour Metro facilities.
- Board appointments to be finalized next week.

6. Update and discussion pertaining to the Nature Discovery Center's Capital Improvement Plan.

- Review handout that Nature Discovery Center presented to City Council that identified items that will be covered with bond money.
- Park Department will be involved to ensure bond money is spent properly.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding whether dogs shall be allowed in parks.

- Review of changes discussed in previous meetings to allow dogs and cats in parks, with owners following city ordinances related to leash and disposal of dog droppings.
- Will research other nearby cities policies and consider a public hearing to gauge interest.

8. Discussion and possible action pertaining to Aquatics policies, fees, and operations.

- Discussion ensued pertaining to a few complaints about the Bellaire Aquatic Center being too overcrowded and that the pool areas are dirty. Jane said that the pool capacity is 500 and based on the recent head counts, the capacity has been about half at prime times.
- Current fee \$5 resident , \$10 non-resident. Recent counts by city staff show 2 to 1 residents to non-residents.
- Need to ensure that pool staff enforces pool policies like proper attire and manners. Police have agreed to make a presence at the pool during busy times as Staff requests.
- Staff will keep on top of the head counts and whether capacity limits should be adjusted.
- This topic will be addressed again during the year in order to make any changes throughout the year.

9. Board Comments

- No

10. Adjournment

- Jim presented motion to adjourn, seconded by Alissa Leightman; meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jim Broadwell**

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

6/20: Trolley Tunes Spring Concert Series, Big Daddy Gumbo, 7:00 p.m.

7/4: 4th of July Parade and Festival

7/16: Parks Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
