

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - 6 pm
CenterPoint Energy Community Center
7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire. Texas 77401

1. **Call To Order:** by Paula, Opened by Neil and 2nd by Julie at 6:10 pm
Attendance: *Board:* Julie McNee, Paula Mey, Neil Verma, and Todd Blitzer
Parks, Rec. & Facilities Dept.: Karl Miller, Cheryl Bright-West
City Council: Mandy Nathan
Guests: Sheila Condon, (Clark Condon),
2. **Announcement of a Quorum** by Paula Mey at 6:10 pm.
3. **Welcome Susan Hawes** – Susan Hawes was sworn in as a new Board Member, brief Board introductions
4. **Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2014 Meeting** - approved
5. **Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2015 Meeting** – approved with amendment
6. **Visitor Comments**
 - Robert Riquelmy – suggested the Parks & Rec Advisory Board should have a member on the conservancy board and should consider taking management of Evelyn's Park
7. **Reports**
 - a) **Liaisons to/from other Bellaire Boards or Commissions**
 - Todd Blitzer – public hearing on the new layout for the City's municipal buildings will be on March 30th. Todd suggested there should be more coordination between the groups who are: building Condit Elem, Bellaire High School, municipal buildings and the Holly St esplanade improvements.
 - Evelyn's Park Groundbreaking event – March 7th, CANCELED
 - b) **Staff Comments**
 - Karl – staff is working on repairing the bathroom foundation at Feld Park. The City of Bellaire was recently awarded the Texas Recreation and Park Society's Gold Medal Award. Karl reviewed the calendar for the upcoming City meetings that are Park and Recreation related and key agenda items. There is an agenda item on the March 2nd City Council meeting for council to consider providing additional funds for improvements at Lafayette Park. Paula Mey requested the Board begin reviewing Karl's staff report prior to Board meetings, so that only questions regarding the report are discussed at the monthly Board meetings.
 - c) **Council Liaison Comments**
 - Mandy Nathan: No comments

8. Review and discuss Evergreen Park master plan and presentation to City Council

- Sheila from Clark Condon provided an update on the revised Master Plan for Evergreen Park based on the Board's feedback from January's Board meeting. The board discussed options for approaching the build out in multiple phases. Jim Broadwell and Sheila Condon will be presenting the Evergreen master plan to City Council on March 23rd to gain feedback on the overall layout.

9. Preview of a draft Parks Master Plan document

- General discussion on changes to Master Plan. Karl asked for the group to turn in their corrections as soon as possible. The group collectively decided to take out any references to individual park master plans within the main plan.

10. Review and discuss upcoming Park Board Meeting

- Due to spring break there was discussion regarding moving the next meeting to March 25, no determination was made.

11. New Business and Board Comments

- General discussion as to implementation of standards as defined in the master plan, how will this be budgeted for in the future. It was decided that any standards such as trash cans or lighting etc. should be plugged into the matrix for consideration in smaller increments of money each fiscal year.

12. Adjournment

- 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie McNee

Next Meeting: March 25, 2015