

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 6:00pm.**  
**CenterPoint Energy Community Center**  
**7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire, TX 77401**

**1. Call To Order:** by Neil Verma at 6:25pm

Attendance: *Board:* Neil Verma, Todd Blitzer, Kevin Sisk, Sharon Veldman

*Parks & Rec Department:* Karl Miller, Cheryl Bright, Heysel Zepeda

*Visitors:* Jim Burrough and Robert Riquelmy, Bellaire Residents

**2. Announcement of a Quorum** by Neil Verma at 6:25pm

**3. Introduction to Board Member, Sharon Veldman**

- Neil Verma welcomed new board member, Sharon Veldman.
- Sharon Veldman introduced herself and briefly shared her background as a previous Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Patrons member.

**4. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2016**

- Kevin Sisk moved and Todd Blitzer second, minutes approved.

**5. Public Comments**

- Robert Riquelmy expressed concern over Bellaire's Police Department's decisions involving police pursuits.
- Jim Burrough openly thanked the staff at Evergreen Therapy Pool for doing a great job and reminded the Board and Parks & Recreation Department staff that it is important to keep the therapy pool above 90 degrees.

**6. Reports**

**a.) Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**

- Kevin Sisk, Patrons and Bellaire Little League Liaison, mentioned that during the last Patrons meeting there was a lot of interest in supporting Evergreen Park receiving more visibility. Mr. Sisk mentioned that there has been discussion regarding supporting Mulberry Park restrooms.

**b.) Reports from Council Liaison**

- Liaison not present.

**c.) Reports from City Staff**

- Karl Miller provided an overview of the department's monthly report highlighting the following: National Night Out Kick-Off Party & Movie is September 23 and staff is currently working on logistics with Bellaire Police Department; Flyers Free Concert in the Park on October 7 are being printed out and distributed to local businesses; Pumpkin Hunt is October 27; Trolleywood Movie is October 29; Holiday in the Park is December 1; Registration for all forty three fall classes began in July with programs starting in August and September; New mat racks, stability ball racks and foam rollers have been delivered for adult exercises; In the process of replacing old and outdated equipment; Fall youth soccer teams are full and games begin this month; Bellaire Big Monday Basketball Clinic began the week of September 12; Enzyme continues to be added to the algaecide regimen at Evergreen Pool;

Quotes were requested for changing the sand in the Evergreen filters as an additional way to combat black algae; The Mulberry Playground and Shade Structure project was completed September 2; A third application of the mosquito larvacide program was completed on August 29 and 30; Removed one hazard tree removal was complete at Fire Station as well as pruning of another tree; Thirty Mity Lite chairs and a rolling rack have been ordered for the Recreation Center to replace some of the existing chairs that have been in use for the past 6-7 years; Progress is being made to have the temporary modular building ready by the end of the month.

**7. Appoint two members of the Board to serve as Community Advisory Group Representatives for Beautification Master Plan Process**

- Neil Verma nominated Julie McNee & Kevin Sisk; Sharon Veldman seconded the nomination, Unanimous approval.

**8. Presentation and discussion regarding the November Bond Election, Karl Miller**

- Karl Miller reminded the board that on November 8, the City of Bellaire will hold a bond election to allow residents to vote on the funding mechanism for three separate propositions. Mr. Miller reviewed the \$53.98 million dollar bond program which is broken down as follows: Proposition 1, Streets, Draining and Sidewalks - \$24 million project; Proposition 2, New Municipal Buildings - \$5.60 million project; Proposition 3, Water and Wastewater Improvement Program - \$24.38 million project.

**9. Review and discuss FY17 budget allocation, Cheryl Bright**

- Cheryl Bright briefly discussed the FY17 budget allocation and mentioned that the following were approved: Seasonal Banner Maintenance; Seasonal Color Landscaping; BFAC Pool Area Improvement; Trolley Tunes Concert Series; Mosquito Larvacide; Playgrounds, Shade Structures, Park Amenities; Parks Signage Master Plan; Decorative Standard for Major Streets.

**10. Board Members Comments and Announcements**

- Todd Blitzer mentioned that the next Project Advisory Meeting with Bellaire High School is scheduled for next week and there is no other update at this time.

**11. Adjournment** – Todd Blitzer moved, Sharon Veldman, second. Meeting adjourned 7:44pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Heysel Renee Zepeda**

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**October 19, 2016: Next Meeting**