

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stability ball racks and foam rollers have been delivered for adult exercises; In the process of replacing old and outdated equipment; Fall youth soccer teams are full and games begin this month; Bellaire Big Monday Basketball Clinic began the week of September 12; Enzyme continues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

October 19, 2016: Next Meeting