

## Minutes of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board (BCAB) Meeting

January 11, 2017

### I. Action Item:

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Chair, Terry Leavitt-Chavez with a quorum.

**Board members present:** Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Andy Williamson, Jane Williams, Diane Roberts and Jacquelyn Quick.

**Others present:** Diane White, Asst. City Manager. Robert Riquelmy.

**Board members absent:** None. Michael Fife, City Council Liaison

### II. Action Item:

- A. Adoption of Minutes – October 12, 2016 and December 14, 2016 minutes were approved without change (motion proposed by Jane Williams and seconded by Jacquelyn Quick and the Board approved unanimously).

### III. Forum for Public Comments:

Robert Riquelmy commented that the City Hall Facility's design is complete and in his opinion, is not artistically pleasing from the outside. He wanted to record his view that BCAB should use its influence to make sure that appropriate artwork was represented on the inside.

### IV. Business Items:

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ON

- Ø **B. Annual Report for State of the City on February 6, 2017** ; Chair – Terry Leavitt-Chavez summarized items she could immediately recall.....1) commencing the "art inventory" as envisaged in the Master-Plan with Jane Williams and Jacquelyn Quick taking the initiative. Jane Williams undertook to send Terry Leavitt-Chavez a copy of the files detailing the categories recorded. The next step will be itemizing what translates [and what doesn't] into the new City Hall Facility. 2) "Project initiatives" including art doors in Paseo Park and painting the Metro box, other City utility boxes. Also expansion of the banner program along major thoroughfares of Bellaire and Bissonnet. 3) "Local outreach" including the Dive-In Movie, spin-art at July 4<sup>th</sup> Event, helping with photo's at Halloween gathering and scratch-art at Holiday in the Park. Andy Williamson undertook to review past minutes for any other items to be reported. Jennifer Hawes and Anita Mehta (subsequently left the Board) will be mentioned and thanked for their service with two vacancies currently to be filled.
- Ø **C. Utility Boxes**; Chair - Terry Leavitt-Chavez reported that the owl painting on the box near the Nature Discovery Center had been completed. The question of clear-coating arose and Diane White agreed to find out which of the boxes already painted had been clear-coated. As part of the "inventory process", on-going clear-coating of the boxes should be [tracked] and done by Public Works every two years. No artist has yet been found to paint a sunrise / sunset theme on the box at the junction of Bellaire and

Bissonnet. Terry Leavitt-Chavez is working on finding one. She mentioned that the last City box earmarked for painting was at Evergreen and South Rice and was somewhat different in that it was in a residential area and in fact on a resident's property [although with City easement]. Some discussion occurred as to whether the privately-owned box located at Bellaire Blvd and First Street should be painted as an alternative. It was felt that any decision should be deferred until the Bellaire and Bissonnet location is completed.

- Ø **C. Art Inventory** – Jane Williams reported that she and Jacquelyn Quick still have the Police Station and Recreation Center locations to audit. They will try and find a date in the near future to complete.
- Ø **D. Art Fund-Raiser 9/11 Beams** – It has been BCAB's goal [and an objective in the Master Plan] to hold a fund-raiser for an appropriate art project within the City of Bellaire. With the acquisition of some steel beams from the 9/11 site by the Rubenstein family, some form of funding for this project seems appropriate for BCAB's efforts. Much is unclear at this time as to the exact location, the design of the "sculpture" and whether there will be such things as seating / fountains etc. One idea suggested was "mosaic seating" around the design with possibly a fountain. Diane White reported that there is also some initial funding from a donation from the Rotary Club of about \$ 25 – 30,000. Terry Leavitt-Chavez suggested that members visit a display in downtown Houston for ideas and guidance. Jeff Mills has offered to make a video to help promote awareness of the project. **Jacquelyn Quick proposed a motion, seconded by Jane Williams and unanimously approved by the Board that funds from BCAB's first fund-raiser to be help in the early / mid-summer should go to the 9/11 memorial.** Andy Williamson agreed to investigate the possibility of holding an event at his house / block for a bar-b-cue / block party on or around Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 with proceeds going to the project.
- Ø **E. Art for Facilities Buildings** – In view of time constraints, **Jacquelyn Quick proposed a motion, seconded by Andy Williamson and unanimously approved by the Board to move this item to the February meeting.**

## V. New Business / November Agenda Items

## VI. Comments from Board Members

VII. Adjournment - Motion to close (Jacquelyn Quick), seconded (Andy Williamson) and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Williamson

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017