

L.I.F.E. Advisory Board
January 26, 2017
Minutes

Board Members Present

Kevin Newman, Vice Chair
Roberta Murray, Secretary
Maxine Epstein
Carmen Ulabarro
Pat Westwood

Board Members Absent

Trish Parrack, Chair
Barbara Davis

Staff Present

Karl Miller
Cheryl Bright
Victoria Arevalo

City Council Liaison: Mayor Andrew Friedberg - Present

These minutes are not a verbatim record of the meeting and are intended only as a summary.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kevin Newman called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. After determining that a quorum was present Maxine Epstein made a motion to approve the December 9, 2016 Board Meeting minutes and Kevin Newman seconded the motion.

Visitors Comments – Gigi Cox mentioned that she was interested in getting involved with the program and that when Newcastle went “below grade” the drainage improved in her area.

Staff Comments/Report

Karl Miller, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities announced City Council approved entering into an Agreement with Bellaire United Methodist Church for use of their facilities for L.I.F.E. programs and office space. Karl said Cheryl Bright and Victoria Arevalo met with Pastor Love yesterday and the relocation will take place in mid April. He said Victoria will be busy with the move, Wine and Tapas, and Trolley Run.

Mayor Friedberg commented on the flooding on January 18, 2017 and other previous recent flooding, saying it is a regional problem requiring regional solutions, and that until the work along Brays Bayou is completed Bellaire will continue having events like this. The City of Bellaire continues to upgrade our infrastructure for the benefits we get now and will get when we tie into the improved regional system. Projects associated with the 2016 bond election will begin quickly, continuing the work started under the 2005 Rebuild Bellaire bond program. The Jan. 18th event caused reported flooding of eight homes. Mayor Friedberg reminded the Board that while street flooding is an inconvenience, the streets are designed to surface-flow storm water to minimize structural flooding. Additionally, flood waters from Katy, Cypress and all the other areas northwest of Bellaire flow through this area to reach Galveston Bay. Bellaire representatives continue to work with The City of Houston and Harris County Flood Control District to improve drainage and minimize flooding.

Old Business

Victoria Arevalo, Recreation Supervisor distributed copies of the updated L.I.F.E. Advisory Board Rules of Procedures.

Victoria also reviewed attendance numbers for trips and events for December, 2016 and January, 2017, and submitted the following attendance data:

Activities

Monday Bridge	44
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	19
Friday Bridge	12
Bingo	23
Games Day	0
Men's/Women's Club	15
Bunco	13
"Love the Coopers" Movie	28
Holiday Craft	8
Coffee with a Cop	12

Trips

December

Trip to Richmond	33
Trip to Galveston	31

January

Monday Bridge	44	Trip to Houston – Alley Theatre	Cancelled
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	13	Trip to Bastrop	22
Friday Bridge	37		
Bingo	24		
Games Day	30		
Men's/Women's Club	12		
Bunco	13		
"Bad Mom's" Movie	30		
Presentation on Hearing Loss	18		

New Business

Victoria reminded Board members of the upcoming Feb. 4 Daddy Daughter Dance, Jan. 31 Super Bowl Luncheon, April 1st Trolley Run, Feb. 13th Sealy Trip, Feb. 28th Bay City Trip, March 7 Rodeo Luncheon, March 8 Chair Volleyball practice, March 9 Trip to Hempstead, March 14 Valentine's Murder Mystery Luncheon, March 17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, March 21 Trip to Houston Food Bank, and March 28 Chair Volleyball practice. Board members who can assist in decorating for the Super Bowl luncheon are asked to be at the event at 11:15 A.M. There are 26 attendees signed up for the Super Bowl luncheon. Victoria also announced that detailed information regarding the upcoming temporary relocation to Bellaire United Church will be included in the next brochure.

Madeleine Appel-Nunn gave a presentation on "neighbors4neighbors network". N4NN is a volunteer and membership-driven program created by senior for seniors (and soon to be seniors). Its goal is to help older adults remain in their own homes by connecting members to caring volunteers and preferred providers for any service (often discounted) they might want or need. N4NN's goal is to create caring neighborhoods. As a program of Jewish Family Service, but open to independent older adults of all faiths, donations to N4NN are tax-deductible. Funding for this program comes from membership dues (not tax deductible), grants and donations. N4NN now serves zip codes 77096, 77025, and 77035. To learn more about N4NN call 832-998-6466, email info@N4NN.org, or visit www.N4NN.org.

Kevin asked Board members to review and possibly take action on the 2016 L.I.F.E. Advisory Board Report, which had been distributed to Board members, which he read aloud and which Chair Trish

Parrack will deliver at the February 6, 2017 State of the City Address. Roberta Murray made a motion to approve the Report, seconded by Pat Westwood and motion passed unanimously.

Kevin announced the next regularly meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017 at noon.

Board Comments

Maxine announced that she received a notice that the results of the citizen survey would be available soon, but no date was given. Mayor Friedberg said the information would be available during the first quarter of 2017.

Kevin announced there were 15 attendees at the Jan. 11th Chair Volleyball practice and reminded everyone of the February 21st Chair Volleyball games at the City of West University Place.

Pat Westwood complimented the website on "Urban Design" saying it was very well done and included correct terminology.

Roberta Murray announced she will be out of town during the April 27th Board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M. on a motion by Pat Westwood and seconded by Kevin Newman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Murray, Secretary,
L.I.F.E. Advisory Board Meeting