

L.I.F.E. Advisory Board
February 23, 2017
Minutes

Board Members Present

Trish Parrack, Chair
Kevin Newman, Vice Chair
Roberta Murray, Secretary
Maxine Epstein
Pat Westwood

Board Members Absent

Carmen Ulabarro

Staff Present

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

Chair Trish Parrack called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Trish then requested a correction of the January 26, 2017 minutes to the first sentence under “New Business”, the date of the Trolley Run reflect April 8th instead of April 1st. After determining that a quorum was present Pat Westwood made a motion to approve the January 26, 2017 Board Meeting minutes and Kevin Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments – None

Staff Comments/Report

Mayor Friedberg complimented Trish on the L.I.F.E. report she gave at the recent State of the City meeting and also complimented Victoria Arevalo on the Daddy-Daughter Dance. Mayor Friedberg also announced the March 6th Town Hall Meeting at 6:00 P.M. will focus on bond implementation and drainage work. He also addressed the issue of noise from speeding motorcycles at night on 610. Saying the Police Department knows about the problem, but considering the safety of the officers and the public, are limited in their efforts to control the activity.

Cheryl Bright, Assistant Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities applications are currently being accepted for summer pool and camp staff and that Summer Day Camp and Swim Team registration is in process. At a recent workshop, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Beautification Master Plan, and will be getting back with City Council soon. Plans are underway to replace the “Welcome to Bellaire” sign at Bellaire Blvd. and the railroad tracks that was recently damaged. The leisure pool has been replastered, leaks fixed and filters replaced. Cheryl also announced performances at the pavilion in Bellaire Town Square will be held the first Friday of each month from March through November, beginning with The Fab 5 on March 3rd.

Old Business

Victoria announced she had researched names of other senior groups and found acronyms such as S.A.P. (Senior Adult Programming), B.S.H.A.R.P. (Bellaire Sincerely Happy Association of Retired Persons), A.A. (Actively Aging) and A.S.A.P. (Active Senior Adult Program). Discussion followed and it was decided consideration of L.I.F.E. name change would be postponed until close to time of the opening of the new facility.

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

Activities

Monday Bridge	68
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	25
Friday Bridge	48
Bingo	24
Games Day & Chair Volleyball	30
Men's/Women's Club	13
Bunco	13
"Bad Moms" Movie	30
Presentation on Hearing Loss	8
Super Bowl Luncheon	12

Trips

January

Trip to Houston – Alley Theatre	Cancelled
Trip to Bastrop	22

February

Monday Bridge	70	Trip to Sealy	23
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	17	Trip to Bay City	34
Friday Bridge	36		Signed Up
Bingo	23		
Games Day & Chair Volleyball	28		
Men's/Women's Club			
Bunco	16		
"Florence Foster Jenkins" Movie	30		
Murder Mystery Luncheon	18		

New Business

Victoria Arevalo, Recreation Supervisor distributed copies of the first and last pages of the upcoming brochure for April, May and June. She asked Board members to review the last page, which is a letter detailing information about the temporary relocation of L.I.F.E. activities and programs to Bellaire United Methodist Church (UMC). Discussion followed which included a suggestion by Kevin Newman to include written routes from different directions. Victoria also noted activities for the month of April will be limited due to relocation to Bellaire UMC taking place between April 10th and 21st. Activities will also be limited during the month of June to coordinate the space with the Church's summer activities. Victoria also announced a few upcoming events including the April 25th trip to the Museum of Fine Arts to visit "Florence: Waves Flower Show", month of May being Older Americans Month and the May 12th Senior Carnival at the West University Community Center.

Trish announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Board Comments

Kevin Newman commented that a friend of his who participated in the Citizen Survey found the survey only included a few questions about services and nothing about drainage, and didn't feel the results would be worth the time and effort involved.

Maxine said most of the Citizen Survey questions were "Yes or No" type questions.

Roberta Murray announced after the January meeting Carmen Ulabarro offered to take the Board minutes at the April 27th Board meeting in Roberta's absence.

Barbara Davis said she was pleased with the way everything is going.

Trish Parrack commented that the recent State of the City meeting was a good opportunity to learn more about what other Boards in the City are doing, and also suggested attending other Board's meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 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