

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

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Trish Parrack, Chair

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 12:04 P.M.. After determining that a quorum was present Barbara Davis made a motion to approve the February 23, 2017 Board Meeting minutes and Pat Westwood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments – None

Staff Comments/Report

Karl Miller, Dir. of Parks, Recreation & Facilities announced the Grand Opening of Evelyn's Park on April 22nd, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and mentioned Victoria would be busy working on the Trolley Run on April 8th, concerts in the park and the relocation of LIFE activities to Bellaire UMC. Maxine Epstein inquired about parking at Evelyn's Park and Karl explained there is limited parking available within the park and overflow parking at the Bellaire UMC parking lot and Center Point Energy (for valet parking during special events).

Cheryl Bright, Asst. Dir. of Parks, Recreation and Facilities reminded the Board of upcoming events including April 1st Wine & Tapas, April 8th Trolley Run and April 7th Party at the Pavilion with the Ezra Charles Band. Cheryl also commented the pools are doing great, life guards and camp counselors are still being hired and Red Cross training for lifeguard instructors and Water Safety Instructors has been underway.

Mayor Friedberg announced the City Engineer made a good presentation at the March 6th Town Hall Meeting and that the 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been completed and accepted by City Council. The March 20th Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan regarding redevelopment of the Chevron property gave residents an opportunity to express their desires for the property and City Council will vote on the proposed amendments at the April 3rd Council Meeting. Mayor Friedberg noted the Chevron property is not yet on the market.

Old Business

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

Activities

Monday Bridge	86
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	17
Friday Bridge	48
Bingo	23
Games Day & Chair Volleyball	28
Men's/Women's Club	17
Bunco	16
"Florence Foster Jenkins" Movie	30
Murder Mystery Luncheon	18

Trips

February

Trip to Sealy	23
Trip to Bay City	33

March

Monday Bridge	56	Trip to Hempstead	16
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	20	Trip to Houston	17
Friday Bridge	36		
Bingo	21		
Games Day	9		
Men's/Women's Club	8		
Bunco	9		
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	32		
Rodeo Luncheon	29		

Victoria noted the February 28th trip to Bay City had a change of plans in that the lunch taking longer than expected resulted in missing the STP Nuclear Operating Company tour. However, in place of the power plant tour the group was able to work in an unscheduled tour of the Varner-Hogg Plantation in West Columbia. The group that toured the Peckerwood Gardens in Hempstead on March 9th got an unexpected guided tour of Evelyn's Park before returning to City Hall.

New Business

Victoria reminded Board members of the May 12th Senior Carnival Celebrating Older Americans Month being hosted at the West University Community Center.

Kevin announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Victoria reminded Board members the April 27th meeting will be held at Bellaire UMC, and all activities beginning with the April 25th trip to Houston will be meeting at Bellaire UMC.

Board Comments

Roberta Murray announced Carmen Ulabarro will take the Board minutes at the April 27th Board meeting in Roberta's absence. Roberta also distributed a copy of "Houston's Flooded History: A Normal Crisis" published in a recent copy of Houston Lifestyles & Homes magazine.

Carmen mentioned interest in the City of Bellaire donating funds to "Green Zone Housing", a Project in Montgomery County which provides container housing for homeless veterans. Karl and Mayor Friedberg explained the City of Bellaire cannot donate tax payer funds to organizations not associated with the City of Bellaire.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 P.M. on a motion by Pat Westwood and seconded by Barbara Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Murray, Secretary,
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