

L.I.F.E. Advisory Board  
May 25, 2017  
Minutes

**Board Members Present**

Trish Parrack, Chair  
Kevin Newman, Vice Chair  
Roberta Murray, Secretary  
Carmen Ulabarro  
Pat Westwood

**Board Members Absent**

Barbara Davis  
Maxine Epstein

**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 P.M. After determining that a quorum was present Pat Westwood made a motion to approve the April 27, 2017 Board Meeting minutes and Kevin Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors Comments** – None

**Staff Comments/Report**

Mayor Friedberg announced the grand opening of Evelyn's Park took place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and things involving the new park continue to be tweaked. Municipal Facilities Project has begun with the ground breaking taking place on May 9<sup>th</sup> and the Civic Center currently being transformed into the temporary space for the Police Department and Municipal Courts. Work on the FY2018 budget is underway with a workshop set for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Cheryl Bright, Asst. Dir. of Parks, Recreation and Facilities commented that with the pools opening May 26<sup>th</sup> and Summer Day Camp beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> training has been underway for camp counselors and lifeguards. June 2<sup>nd</sup> Party at the Pavilion will feature Van Wilks and food will be available from the "Foreign Policy" food truck. Recent park improvements include shade structures to Officer Lucy Dog Park and Loftin Park.

**Old Business**

Victoria reviewed attendance numbers for trips and events for April and May, 2017, and submitted the following attendance data:

**Activities**

Monday Bridge	34
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	13
Friday Bridge	24
Bingo	0
Games Day & Chair Volleyball	0
Men's/Women's Club	0
Bunco	0

**Trips**

**April**

Trip to La Grange	24
Trip to Houston Museum of Fine Arts	17

		<b><u>May</u></b>	
Monday Bridge	74	Trip to Austin	31
Wed. Crafts & Conversation	19	Trip to Nacogdoches	23
Friday Bridge	28		
Bingo	22		
Games Day	15		
Men's/Women's Club	11		
Bunco	13		
Nutrition Presentation	14		
"La La Land" Movie	47		
Remembering When Presentation 4			
Senior Carnival with West U.	100		
Fajita Friday Luncheon	24		

Victoria noted a damper was put on the trip to Nacogdoches by heavy rain and hail and the "Remembering When" presentation had a few glitches by the librarian being absent due to illness and the projector not working.

### **New Business**

Victoria distributed the schedule of trips and activities for July – September and noted the newsletter for that period is in progress. She also announced new activities will include Craft's Day on the fourth Wednesday of each month, First Responder's Day, and Tuesday Tunes on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The next Chair Volleyball with West University will be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Trish Parrack asked Board members for comments on the direction of the L.I.F.E. program. Kevin Newman began by saying he had addressed City Council during the Personal/Audience Comments part of the May 15, 2017 Council meeting, requesting additional funding for the L.I.F.E program. Kevin also reported that of the 431 respondents to the recent Citizen Survey only six people knew about the L.I.F.E. program. He also proposed hosting a complimentary breakfast/meet and greet to promote more participation in the activities. Additional points of discussion included a recruiting event being a dance verses a breakfast, marketing, timing of activities to maximize participation, activities that might attract ages 50-65, availability of the 50-65 population to participate, funding, sponsorships, L.I.F.E. being an independent department, limited staff, limited facilities/space, and limited transportation.

Following the discussion Carmen Ulabarro made a motion to create a sub-committee to further address the issues of the direction of the L.I.F.E. program, and Kevin Newman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Carmen and Kevin volunteered to be on the sub-committee, and Trish Parrack serving as L.I.F.E. Chair will also be on the sub-committee.

Trish announced the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, June 22, 2017.

### **Board Comments**

Kevin Newman announced he will be running for Bellaire City Council this November and Mayor Friedberg will also be running again.

Pat Westwood asked if the installation of the new water meters had begun and Mayor Friedberg responded affirmatively, most residents don't know when the replacement takes place because the change-out only takes about thirty minutes.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 P.M. on a motion by Carmen Ulabarro and seconded by Kevin Newman. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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