

Minutes of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board (BCAB) Meeting

June 14, 2017

I. Action Item:

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

Board members present: Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Andy Williamson, Diane Roberts, Jacquelyn Quick, Shampa Mukerji

Others present: Diane White, Asst. City Manager. Robert Riquelmy and Kevin Newman.

Board members absent: Sneha Bhavsar and Michael Fife, City Council, Liaison.

II. Action Item:

Adoption of Minutes. Minutes dated May 10, 2017 were approved (motion proposed by Andy Williamson, seconded by Jacquelyn Quick and approved unanimously by the Board).

III. Forum for Public Comments:

Robert Riquelmy mentioned three artists / pieces that he felt represented power / responsibility in artwork / music [and therefore might be suitable....as a theme in the new Municipal Building]. They were Goya - "Massacre of the Peasants"; Mussorgsky - "Pictures at an Exhibition" and Woody Guthrie - music.

Kevin Newman was representing the L.I.F.E Board and mentioned that it would like to expand its activities to try and attract a broader cross-section of the community. It appears current activities are aimed at folks in their mid-70's. Kevin wanted to increase awareness and suggested that a wine-tasting event for over-50's might be attractive. Any help in expanding the mailing list would be appreciated.

IV. Business Items:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ON

- Ø **A. Dive-In Movie Request** – Terry Leavitt-Chavez reported that BCAB had been represented at this event last year. It was taking place again on Thursday August 10th 2017. Board members volunteered to assist again this year with face-painting [led by Jacquelyn Quick].
- Ø **B. World Trade Center Steel Up-date** - Diane White summarized an update on the status. The steel beam [about 14 feet in length] is currently located at the Rubenstein facility on Highway 290. It will be officially given to the City of Bellaire and accepted by City Council later in the year. BCAB has expressed an interest at being involved in the process / funding [of creating a piece of artwork based upon the beam]. Andy Williamson has offered to be the liaison with a specific work-group on the project. The S.W Rotary Board has also offered to assist in fund-raising.

- Ø **C. Utility Boxes;** - Terry Leavitt-Chavez mentioned that the base coat is on and painting of the utility boxes in the vicinity of Evelyn's Park [Bellaire / Newcastle / Mulberry] will go ahead next week.

Diane White reported that City Council had been advised of the decision to "switch" the utility box to be decorated from the one at Evergreen and South Rice to the location at the east end of Paseo Park. Some time was spent discussing the design on the box as there were some misgivings on the Board about the appropriateness of birds such as cranes / eagrets [which seemed more Florida than Bellaire]. Discussions covered birds [doves, blue jays, robins]; plants / flowers [bougainvillea, crepe myrtles, azalea's and Texas wild-flowers]. At length, **a motion was proposed by Jacquelyn Quick, seconded by Shampa Mukerji and unanimously approved by the Board to go ahead with a rendering of colored wild-flowers, substantially in the form of a picture circulated by Diane White to the Board.**

- Ø **D. Art Afternoon at Evelyn's Park Request** – Terry Leavitt-Chavez reported that she had met with Patricia King-Ritter and Ellie Gerban since our last meeting. [Ellie is a high school girl who painted pictures at the opening of Evelyn's Park in the Spring]. Ellie was interested in helping in a regular "event in the park" that incorporated some form of art with local children / adults participating. BCAB was receptive to this idea and **a motion was tabled by Shampa Mukerji, seconded by Jacquelyn Quick and unanimously approved by the Board to sponsor a community art project on a monthly basis [between September and March], in the early afternoon on a Sunday at Evelyn's Park.** Details to be determined....but possibly starting with pumpkin decorating prior to Halloween with some contribution of the City and possibly a sponsor for paints etc.
- Ø **E. Banner Up-date** – Discussion surrounded a festive banner for the July 4th period. On the basis that such a theme [red , white and blue / stars and stripes] will only be up for a short period of time, is already in the budget and will be reusable annually, a design was agreed upon and Diane White will organize printing and installation.
- Ø **F. 4th of July Spin-Art** – Terry Leavitt-Chavez asked about availability of Board members for the July 4th Event in the park. Most members are available to "man" the tent for some period of time during the morning [8.30am – 1.00pm]. .
- Ø **G. International Event Planning** – Terry Leavitt-Chavez mentioned this event which was discussed last week. Diane White undertook to speak with the City Manager and establish a \$ 5,000 item in the 2018 budget.

V. New Business / July Agenda Items

- None.

VI. Comments from Board Members

VII. Adjournment - Motion to close (Jacquelyn Quick), seconded (Shampa Mukerji) and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Williamson

Next Meeting: July 12, 2017