

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 6:00pm.**  
**Evelyn's Park Conservancy**  
**4400 Bellaire Blvd., Bellaire, TX 77401**

- 1. Call To Order:** by Sharon Veldman at 6:01pm  
Attendance: *Board:* Sharon Veldman, Neil Verma, Joan Gee, Ralph Cox  
*Parks & Rec Department:* Karl Miller, Cheryl Bright, Heysel Zepeda, Buster Adams  
*Visitors:* Executive Director, Denton Ragland, BLIFE Vice Chair, Kevin Newman and Bellaire Resident, Robert Riquelmy
- 2. Announcement of a Quorum** by Sharon Veldman at 6:01pm
- 3. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2017**
  - Neil Verma motioned to approve Board Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2017; Joan Gee seconded. Minutes approved.
- 4. Public Comments**
  - Robert Riquelmy expressed concern with how Bellaire Police Department manages their department.
- 5. Reports**
  - a.) Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
    - Sharon Veldman, reported that Patrons of Bellaire is helping Bellaire city employees who worked during Harvey get back on their feet through The Bellaire Brave fundraiser as many experienced severe damage to their homes in their efforts to keep Bellaire residents safe. She asked board members to help spread the word and to visit the website. Ms. Veldman also mentioned Pre-National Night Out, The Road to Recovery Celebration taking place on September 22 from 6-9pm at Bellaire Town Square.
  - b.) Reports from Council Liaison**
    - Liaison not present.
  - c.) Reports from City Staff**
    - Cheryl Bright shared additional information about Pre-National Night Out, The Road to Recovery Celebration and encouraged board members to attend. Ms. Bright gave an update and a plan of action involving damages caused by Hurricane Harvey to the Bellaire Town Square Family Aquatic Center, Evergreen and Elaine Wood's Therapy pool.
    - Karl Miller provided an overview of the department's monthly report highlighting the following:
      - Aside from the pools, the department did not sustain a lot of damage during Hurricane Harvey.
      - Mosquito fogging and the larvicide program began the first week of April and will continue through October. The City has doubled up on fogging through September and will continue into October if necessary due to Hurricane Harvey.
      - Four (4) new cameras were installed in front of the Recreation Center as a result of vehicle breakings this summer.

- Parks staff did a thorough cleaning at Driscoll Park to remove all heavy debris, deadwood and fallen branches, cleared storm drains and added granite gravel underneath all picnic benches.

**6. Discussion and possible action regarding Park Improvements in FY2017-18 with allocated funds.**

- Buster Adams presented a PowerPoint slideshow of shade structures completed at Lucy Dog Park and Loftin Park and trash enclosures placed at several locations in 2017.
- To continue what Mr. Adams and his crew have started, Mr. Adams recommended and requested for the board's approval to complete the following in 2018:
  - Trash enclosures at Holly St., Nature Discovery Center, Paseo and Pools.
  - Replace and move all play features within one larger play area at Ware Family Park dedicating \$70,000 to this park bringing the play features together for ages 0-12.
- After exchanges of ideas and suggestions were discussed, Sharon Veldman recommended revisiting options next month when all board members are present.

**7. Board Members Comments and Announcements**

- Neil Verma appreciates Buster Adams presentation and enjoys seeing the different playground options.
- Sharon Veldman reminded board members to visit Patrons website and to help spread the word about Bellaire Brave fundraiser. Ms. Veldman mentioned that Bellaire residents can go to the Recreation Center Meeting Room for flood rebuilding permits.

**8. Presentation and tour of Evelyn's Park, Executive Director, Denton Ragland.**

- Karl Miller introduced Executive Director of Evelyn's Park, Denton Ragland and thanked him for hosting the meeting.
- Denton Ragland welcomed the board and Parks staff to Evelyn's Park. Mr. Ragland discussed how Evelyn's Park is bringing the community together and continued with a tour of the park.

**9. Adjournment** –Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm. Mr. Ragland led a park tour for available board members.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Heysel Renee Zepeda**

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**October 18, 2017: Next Meeting**