

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting Held Wednesday, December 11, 2017 – 6:00pm.
CenterPoint Energy Community Center
7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire, TX 77401

- 1. Call To Order:** by Sharon Veldman at 6:011pm
Attendance: *Board:* Sharon Veldman, Neil Verma, Joan Gee, Ralph Cox,
Kevin Sisk, Julie McNee, Denise Leisten
Parks & Rec Department: Karl Miller, Cheryl Bright, Heysel Zepeda
Visitors: Jim Burrough, Bellaire Resident
- 2. Announcement of a Quorum** by Sharon Veldman at 6:011pm
- 3. Approval of Minutes from October 18, 2017**
 - Neil Verma motioned to approve Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2017; Kevin Sisk seconded.
- 4. Public Comments**
 - No public comments.
- 5. Reports**
 - a.) Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
 - Sharon Veldman mentioned Wine and Tapas will be held in March 2018.
 - Cheryl Bright gave an update on the Bellaire Brave Fundraiser. She stated that Patrons gave the City a \$70,000 check, which has been disbursed amongst City employees affected by Hurricane Harvey. Cheryl Bright also stated that Patrons is waiting on pledged payments, thus additional money may be disbursed in the next couple of months.
 - b.) Reports from Council Liaison**
 - Liaison not present.
 - c.) Reports from City Staff**
 - Karl Miller provided an overview of the department's monthly report highlighting the following:
 - City Buildings Closed on December 25, 26 and January 1.
 - Winter Camp Paseo begins December 27.
 - Daddy Daughter Dance is on February 3, 2018.
 - City staff is still preparing the five (5) year Capital Improvement Project Plan, which will be presented to the Parks Board at the January meeting.
 - CenterPoint's Right Tree, Right Place program has replaced three (3) trees; two (2) died and one (1) was mislabeled.
 - Parks Crew installed new Holiday Tree and lit Gazebo as well as two (2) large oaks behind City Hall while an outside contractor installed the light in Paseo Park.
 - Evelyn's Park, Lafayette Soccer Field and Great Lawn were all aerated and seeded with Winter Rye.

6. Review of Summer Aquatics and Camp Programs – Cheryl Bright

- Cheryl Bright gave a summary on summer Aquatics and Camp programs which served over one thousand kids. Positive changes were made to the swim team and had over two hundred kids participate and expect more kids in 2018. Overall, the Aquatics Department surpassed their projected revenue.

7. Update on progress of Parks Subcommittee – Sharon Veldman

- Sharon Veldman gave an update on the progress of Pocket Park Subcommittee and went over the project goals, objectives, proposed areas, and plan of action. The subcommittee will obtain feedback from Parks Board, Patrons, Parks Staff and City Council to ensure it is something that everyone wants. The next subcommittee meeting will be on January 11, 2018.

8. Board Members Comments and Announcements

- Parks board members and City staff thanked Neil Verma for serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Neil Verma thanked board members and Parks staff for being a terrific team to work with.

9. Adjournment – Denise Leisten motioned to adjourn, Julie McNee seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heysel Renee Zepeda

January 17, 2017: Next Meeting