

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Agenda
Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
CenterPoint Energy Community Center
7008 5th Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401**

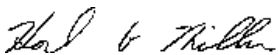
- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Announcement of a Quorum**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2017 meeting**
- 4. Public Comments**

Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. A sign-up form by each speaker shall be required prior to the opening of the meeting.

- 5. Reports**
 - a. Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
 - b. Introduction to new Council Liaison and Reports from Council Liaison**
 - c. Reports from City Staff**
- 6. Review and possible action on draft Five Year Capital Improvement Program**
- 7. Review and possible action on the presentation of the Community Pathway Project**
- 8. Review and Possible Action on a Draft of Annual Report to be presented at State of the City on Monday, February 5, 2018**
- 9. Board Members Comments and Announcements**
- 10. Adjournment**

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the agenda set forth above was posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance located at City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas on January 12, 2018 at 2:00pm.



Karl Miller, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- 01/22/18: City Council, Recognition of outgoing Board and Commission Members**
- 01/22/18: City Council, Branding Identity and Municipal Facilities presentation**
- 01/22/18: City Council, BFAC, Construction Contract**
- 01/23/18: Community Pathways Plan, Neighborhood meeting, CenterPoint Community Center**
- 02/03/18: Daddy Daughter Dance**
- 03/02/18 Party at the Pavilion**
- 03/05/18: City Council, Evelyn's Park Conservancy Quarterly update**
- 03/19/18: City Council, Approval of Community Pathways Plan**
- 03/24/18: Wine and Tapas, Patrons for Bellaire Parks**
- 04/14/18: 23rd Annual Trolley Run**



Parks, Recreation and Facilities Update January 2018

RECREATION

- The winter recreation programming schedule started on Monday, January 8th and runs through mid- March. New programs beginning this month are: Zumba, Dance Mix Up, and Healthy Eating Guidance for Women, and Coffee Cup Exercise for Women.
- Winter Camp averaged twenty six (26) kids per day during the 7 days of camp.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- The 30th Annual Holiday in the Park was a huge success! We had giant snow slides, a petting zoo, pony rides, games and activities provided by local civic groups and businesses, carnival eats and holiday walk-arounds like Frosty and Rudolph. Santa arrived on High Water Vehicle and made his way to the stage as the Condit Elementary School choir sang Here Comes Santa Claus. Mrs. Claus was on stage as our host to help the Mayor, Santa and the coloring contest winner light the Mayor's Christmas tree. Local school choirs sang for the crowd as the festivities continued when Santa then *magically* appeared on the gazebo to listen to children's Christmas wishes. There were approximately four thousand participants enjoying the official start of the holiday season.

AQUATICS

- There was a leak in the gas line coupling leading to the heater at the Evergreen Therapy Pool on Friday, December 15th. The line was repaired and the pool opened Wednesday, December 20th.
- The Aquatics division hosted its 2nd Annual Polar Plunge on December 27th in the Leisure Pool at the Bellaire Family Aquatic Center with the air temperature at 44° and the pool water temperature at 52°. Five (5) lifeguards, two (2) camp counselors, and three (3) full-time staff members participated.
- New solar blanket for both the Aquatic Center and Therapy Pool have been ordered.

ATHLETICS

- Winter Basketball practice started the second week in December with 48 teams this year. Games began on January 11th.

BLIFE

- Sixteen (16) seniors attended Bingo in the month of December.
- Bunco's had eight (8) seniors in attendance.
- Movie day, featuring *Heaven Sent* had twenty two (22) seniors in attendance.
- Twenty-one (21) seniors went on the trip to the Magical Winter Lights.
- One (1) senior participated in Yoga.
- Four (4) seniors participated in Games Day.
- Nine (9) seniors participated in Crafts Day.
- Two (2) seniors participated in Yoga for Beginners.
- Sixty-eight (68) seniors attended the Winter Ball.
- Seventeen (17) seniors went on a trip to Stages Theaters.
- BLIFE continues to have Bridge on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays and Crafts and Conversation on Wednesdays.

PARKS

- The Holly St. Trail received some trail maintenance adding crushed granite in low areas, followed by tampering to level and compact. There have also been irrigation repairs due to vehicular damage.
- Replaced Engineered Wood Fiber at Evergreen, Joe Gaither and Lafayette Park and scheduled replacement for FY18 as part of a program to include all parks over a 2-3 year rotation.
- Hou-Scape replaced plant material, Latana, due to damage caused by utility work, along sidewalk on Bellaire Blvd. and replaced ivy alongside of café at Evelyn's Park.
- Park staff is working with a vendor on trash enclosure options for Nature Discovery Center, Holly St., Paseo Park and Bellaire Family Aquatic Center.
- CenterPoint Right Tree, Right Place program has replaced three (3) trees; two (2) had died and one (1) was mis-labeled.
- Complete granite gravel trail work at Fire Department and Evelyn's Park.
- Working with summer intern and arborist to complete tree inventory project, identifying all "unknown" trees, then update all maps and graphs.
- Removed a dying Pecan Tree at Great Lawn, replanted a Mexican White Oak (*Calicarpa*)
- Contractor completed new entry walkway into Dog Park.
- Winterized all irrigation and water supply throughout park system, esplanades, medians and other green spaces.
- Completed holiday decoration removal, tree lighting removal, holiday tree removal.
- Working on some plant removal from Evelyn's Park along Mulberry side parking area and replanting at Evergreen Park. The removal is necessary to have a better line of sight while leaving this parking lot on Mulberry.