

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
Agenda  
Wednesday, February 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m.  
CenterPoint Energy Community Center  
7008 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellaire, Texas 77401**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Announcement of a Quorum**
- 3. Introduction to newest board member- Lisa Lim**
- 4. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2017 meeting**
- 5. Public Comments**

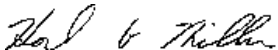
Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. A sign-up form by each speaker shall be required prior to the opening of the meeting.

- 6. Reports**
  - a. Reports from Other Boards, Commissions and Committees**
  - b. Reports from Council Liaison**
  - c. Reports from City Staff**
- 7. Review and possible action on draft Five Year Capital Improvement Program**
- 8. Discussion regarding the Community Pathway Project**
- 9. Possible action on a recommendation by the Parks sub-committee to select a park for improvements utilizing the Capital Improvement Funds allocated for playgrounds and shade shelters**
- 10. Board Members Comments and Announcements**
- 11. Adjournment**

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**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 February 16, 2018 at 12 p.m.



Karl Miller, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

**Upcoming Events and Meetings:**

- 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**
- 04/06/18: Party at the Pavilion**
- 04/14/18: 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trolley Run**



## **Parks, Recreation and Facilities Update February 2018**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Karl and Cheryl completed Parks Board orientation with Gus Pappas and Lisa Lim.
- Post Hurricane Harvey has impacted the City's 60-day minimum fund balance, which has required the City to temporarily hold off on some Capital Improvement Projects, such as, a reduction in the pavement management program, vehicle replacement program and the Bellaire Family Aquatic Center Improvement project. The BFAC has been put on hold through this fiscal year and will be reconsidered during next year's budget process.
- Staff is working with the Evelyn's Park Conservancy to ensure a smooth transition while they seek a new Executive Director.
- Sharon Veldman did a great job of presenting the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's 2017 annual report at the State of the City.

### **RECREATION**

- The summer 2018 Specialty Camp schedule is set, and the City of Bellaire website has been updated with relevant links, documents and registration information for those camps. There will be over seventy (70) different half or full day camp options to choose from over the twelve week summer session, for campers ages 3 and up.
- Online summer camp registrations began on Monday, February 12, and in-person registrations for Bellaire residents will begin on Monday, February 19, with all registrations open to the public on Monday, February 26.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Parks, Recreation held their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy and Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bellaire United Methodist Church. Over one hundred (100) fathers brought their daughters for a night of dancing and fun! This year's theme was "Belle of the Ball" from the Disney movie Beauty and the Beast, each girl left with a personalized mirror, a chocolate rose and a crown. Throughout the night the girls had an opportunity to have their face painted by Honey Dew the Clown, take silly pictures with their dads in the photo booth, have professional pictures taken by Natural Expressions and an opportunity to enter in a free raffle for the life-size cutouts of the characters from Beauty and the Beast. H-E-B sponsored the food and drinks for the evening, along with Chick-fil-A. Everyone enjoyed a magical evening and created memories that will last a lifetime.

## **AQUATICS**

- During the week of Martin Luther King holiday, the pools were closed for several days due to icy weather.
- The Aquatics staff continues to work on the stains to walls and floor at the Evergreen recreation pool. The stains are remnants of Hurricane Harvey
- The Aquatics Supervisor will be attending the Texas Public Pool Council Annual Conference January 29 – February 2.

## **ATHLETICS**

- Youth Basketball is half-way through the season with forty four (44) teams, kids age 8-10.
- Youth Soccer begins March 19.

## **BLIFE**

- Eighteen (18) seniors attended Bingo in the month of January.
- Bunco's had eleven (11) seniors in attendance.
- Movie day, featuring *Gifted* had twenty six (26) seniors in attendance.
- Thirty-three (33) seniors went on the trip to the Round Top Antique Winter Show.
- Twelve (12) seniors met at Café Piquet for Let's Do Lunch.
- Three (3) seniors participated in Games Day.
- Eight (8) seniors participated in Crafts Day.
- Sixty (6) seniors attended the Lunch N Learn on Strong before Skinny.
- The trip to Lone Star Flight Museum was cancelled due to snow/ice.
- BLIFE continues to have Bridge on Mondays and Fridays and Crafts and Conversation on Wednesdays.

## **PARKS**

- Holly St. Trail received some trail maintenance adding crushed granite in low areas, following that up with tampering to level and compact. Currently working with landscape contractor to get pricing to add some more Asian Jasmine in the first median closest to S. Rice.
- Trash enclosures have been ordered for Nature Discovery Center, Holly St., Paseo Park and BFAC.
- Working with summer intern and arborist to complete tree inventory project, identifying all "unknown" trees, then update all maps and graphs. Once completed the final project will be shared with the Parks Board.
- Removed several bushes from Evelyn's Park along Mulberry lane parking lot and replanted at Evergreen Park. The removal was necessary to improve line of sight while leaving the parking lot on Mulberry.
- Completed Tree Trimming on ten (10) oaks in and around Jessamine Field to reduce the crown and remove some lower laterals and lower suckers.
- Completed a new landscape design at railroad track and Bellaire Blvd., seasonal flowers will be

added in March.

- Completed two (2) fence panel repairs at Lafayette Park due to vehicular damage.
- Completed water fountain repairs at Mulberry, Loftin and Feld. Mulberry was the only “freeze” related repair.
- Replaced a PBV at Nature Discovery Center and Feld Park that were damaged due to cold temperatures.
- Parks Crew removed some minor graffiti from the Paver Wall behind City Hall.
- Replaced an electrical transformer at Feld Park.
- Replaced left field service gate at Feld Field on softball field.