

Minutes of the Bellaire Cultural Arts Board (BCAB) Meeting

June 13, 2018

I. Action Item:

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Terry Leavitt-Chavez with a quorum.

Board members present: Terry Leavitt-Chavez, Andy Williamson, Diane Roberts, Jacquelyn Quick and Jeanne Parker. Cheryl Bright, Community Relations Director, City of Bellaire.

Others present: Diane Sanders; Debra Roylands; Neil Silverman (each has submitted applications to join the Board).

[Board members] absent: Shampa Mukerji, Sneha Bhavsar. Michael Fife, City Council Liaison

II. Action Item:

Adoption of Minutes. Approval of the minutes for the meeting dated May 9, 2018 were approved (motion proposed by Andy Williamson, seconded by Jacquelyn Quick and approved unanimously by the Board).

III. Forum for Public Comments: None

IV. Business Items:

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ON

- **A. Naming of Art Hall at City Hall** - A number of suggestions were put forward by Board members and discussed. They ranged from descriptive (Bellaire Cultural Arts Hall) to reflecting past mayors of the City (Baldwin Hall; Louise Ware Hall) and more whimsical (Bellaire - Collections and Recollections). Diane Roberts pointed out that, in view of the contentiousness concerning the proposed new City logo among some residents, it might be a good idea to have some public consultative process in naming the Hall. Further discussion surrounded the decision making process and how to go about it. For example could "survey monkey" or "crowd sourcing" somehow be used to gauge popularity / public feedback to different suggestions. Andy Williamson and Cheryl Bright will pursue.
- **B. Up-coming Events** - Terry Leavitt-Chavez asked for volunteers for the monthly Art in the Park at Evelyn's Park on June 23rd. The theme will be paper pin wheels in patriotic red, white and blue colors. Members Williamson, Quick and Parker all agreed to assist Terry Leavitt-Chavez at some stage between 9.30am and noon to set up and close down the activity. Volunteers were also sought for the annual July 4th celebration and the customary spin art. Members Roberts, Williamson and Quick all volunteered to assist. Some discussion surrounded cost of ticket and consideration should be given to raising the cost from 4 tickets to 6 tickets in an effort to raise some funds to re-use in other projects.
- **C. Rotating Artwork City Hall Proposal** - Terry Leavitt-Chavez tabled the question of displaying resident's artwork temporarily in the new City Hall. Diane Roberts questioned the security risk (City liability) which Terry

Leavitt-Chavez responded could be offset by resident signing a "liability release form". We were reminded that Sneha Bhavsar has a proposal to City Council outstanding which should be addressed before the next meeting.

- **D. Recycled / Rotating Artwork Proposal** – Andy Williamson presented to the Board two thoughts for displaying public art in Parks around the City. The first, 1) would be located at Evelyn's Park and would be available to display kid's / parent's artwork from the regular monthly Art in the Park event. This could either be located on the wall of the Event Center (indicated on slide) or on a free-standing "structure" (subject of another slide). Discussion occurred on whether there would be damage to the wall of the Event Center by adding frames and the free-standing structure (possibly mobile) was preferred. The second location, 2) may be in other "pocket" parks within the City. The Board concluded at this time that it is best to roll out this concept at Evelyn's Park first before extending further to other City parks. Andy Williamson pointed out that there would have to be a process for someone from the Board to supervise replacing the artwork on a regular basis. **Andy Williamson proposed a motion, seconded by Jacquelyn Quick and unanimously approved by BCAB to authorize him to liaise with Evelyn's Park Conservancy (Patricia King-Ritter) to determine the way forward.**

V. New Business / July Agenda Items

- maintenance of utility boxes / art doors. U/V coating to be done by City or Up-Art?

VI. Comments from Board Members

- Cheryl Bright notified the Board that Diane White was standing down as Board representative at City Hall and that Cheryl would be taking over in her new position as Community Relations Director.

VII. Adjournment - Motion to close (Jacquelyn Quick), seconded (Andy Williamson) and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Williamson

Next Meeting: July 11, 2018