

Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board  
Corrected

April 1, 2021

The Council Chambers, 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, TX 76114

Members Present:

David Ballard, Chairman  
Bob Jamison, Place 1  
Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary  
James Myrick, Place 3  
Joksan Holquin, Place 4  
Jill Walker, Alternate 1

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory, City Manager  
Paula Luck, City Administrator  
Maria Tueme, Public Works Secretary  
Jeremy Bell (Public Works Superintendent)

Members Absent:

Joe Ashton (excused)

1. Meeting was called to order by David Ballard, Chairman, at 6:33 p.m.
2. Public Testimony:
3. Member Roll Call:  
Members Ballard, Jamison, Vandiver, Myrick, Holquin, Walker
4. Approval of Board Minutes from the Meeting on March 4, 2021. Bob Jamison made a motion to approve the minutes and James Myrick 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All Aye. The Minutes stand approved as written.
5. Report from Mayor Joe Ashton:  
Mayor Ashton absent from meeting.
6. Discussion on maintenance issues at J.R. Lone Star Park and Basketball Court Fencing and Clean-up at McGee Park.

Lonestar JR Park – Bob Jamison and David indicated that the tree trimming and removal look good. James Myrick, Bob Jamison and David Ballard met on 3/6/2020 at J.R. Lone Star Park. Chairman Ballard drew a plan for the layout of the monument area using a racetrack as was suggested at a previous meeting. It is suggested that stamped concrete be used by the existing sign. The cost to complete will not be determined until plans are complete. Hopefully, this will be completed by the end of the summer. The funds available at this time are \$16,500.00

Joksan is concerned about repairs to the basketball courts at McGee Park. Allied Fence was the best quote for the fencing and should have the basketball fence completed by 4/9/2021. Basketball nets have been ordered and should arrive by April 9, 2021. Per Jeremy Bell, general clean-up of McGee Park is in progress. The restroom door is repaired. Trash cans are emptied every other day, depending on the weather. During baseball season, they are emptied after every play day. Jeremy will go to McGee park on 4/2/2021 to check the trash and other maintenance needed.

Joksan reported that the basketball backboard is still tilting. Maintenance tickets would be helpful if provided to Jeremy. David Ballard asked that all Board Members complete Maintenance Tickets if we see something askew. Marvin will email the Maintenance Ticket form to all Board Members. If a Board Member completes a

Maintenance Ticket, he/she will email to Marvin. Attach pictures if possible. Hopefully, this will help to have issues repaired in a timely manner.

7. Committee Reports:

Heritage Park: Another work day is being planned. The R.O. Community Garden will move dirt around on either 4/10/21 or 4/17/21.

Woolridge Park: Jill has an idea for the Skate Park. She is considering writing a micro grant for \$250.00. She will need approval from the city Council to proceed. She suggested that we have local artists to paint a mural and involve kids in the effort. These would be done on the panels against the fences and the sign that is faded. THE ART OF LIVING which is designed to teach life skills to the homeless through art. Joksan suggested that we have students from Castleberry be involved.

Jill will prepare a sketch for the Skate Park mural and grant request by the next Parks Board Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The City is working on a Mural Ordinance - 1100 block of Roberts Cut-Off, Maven's Moon. Along the levee, the cement flood gates have been painted with murals.

J.R. Lonestar Park: The irrigation piping has been hit by lawn mowers and needs to be repaired.

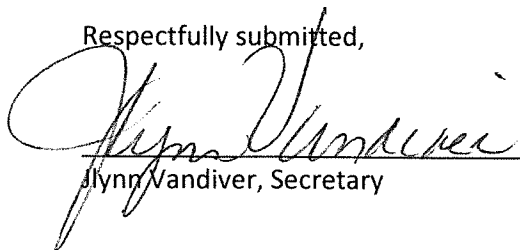
Lion's Triangle: Looks good. Salvia is doing well.

McGee Park: Baseball season starts Saturday, April 3, 2021. Nation Weather Service – James Myrick keeps updated. Emergency Management Response Plan has not been received from LYSA to date. James Myrick will contact Kenneth Matthews. Per Jeremy, McGee Park will be cleaned and ready to go by Saturday, 4/3/2021.

Several hedges and bushes around the city froze during the storm. Hopefully, they will be replaced with something that does not attract bees.

David Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Myrick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ballard at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynn Vandiver, Secretary

APPROVED:

  
David Ballard, Chairman