

Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board

March 4, 2021

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

Members Present:

David Ballard, Chairman
Bob Jamison, Place 1
James Myrick, Place 3

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Paula Luck, City Administrator
Gordon Smith, Public Works Director

Members Absent:

Joe Ashton (excused)
Jlynn Vandiver (excused)
Joksan Holquin (excused)

1. Meeting was called to order by David Ballard, Chairman, at 6:33 p.m.
2. Public Testimony:
6. James Myrick was sworn in as an appointed official of the River Oaks Parks Board by Paula Luck, City Administrator and took the Oath of Office to serve as Parks Board Member, Place 3.
3. Member Roll Call:
Members Ballard, Jamison, Myrick
4. Approve Minutes from the Meeting on February 4, 2021. Chairman Ballard made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections and Joksan Holquin 2nd the motion. All Aye. The Minutes stand approved as corrected. Monica Tueme was changed to Maria and Paul was removed.
5. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton.
Mayor Ashton was absent from the meeting.
7. Jill Walker attended the meeting and is interested in becoming an alternate member of the River Oaks Parks Board. She introduced herself. She recently moved to River Oaks and bought a house. She has previous experience on Boards in Oklahoma where she lived before. Chairman Ballard made the motion to submit her application to the City Council to become an alternate member and James Myrick seconded the motion. All aye. Motion Carried.

It was suggested that Jill attend the next City Council Meeting to introduce herself. She was also invited to the Special Work Session planned for Saturday, March 6th at Lonestar JR Park.

8. Discussion of the Special Work Session held at Lonestar JR Park on January 23rd. Yellow markers were places on branches that needed to be trimmed and on trees that need to be removed. At this time, no comments have been received from residents, so plans will proceed to trim the trees Saturday if not already completed by Public Works Department. Gordon will relay Public Works position to James Myrick before the Special Work Session.

Last year James Myrick and Bob Jamison visited Fort Worth Monument and today, 3/4/2021, James Myrick and Jlynn Vandiver met with James Ramsay, owner of Fort Worth Monument, to discuss types of benches, materials for the benches and materials for the walkway. Cement, pavers, and crushed granite were discussed. The price to have a monument made, engraved and installed will be \$1085.00 per monument.. River Oaks is tax exempt

so that is the exact price. Granite is usually readily available, so it/they could be ordered and delivered within 10 days. The longest that we might have to wait because of the Covid pandemic is 4 to 6 weeks. James Ramsay suggested that we make exact plans for what we want it to look like, what we want engraved and how they will be placed and installed before we place our order.

Chairman Ballard indicated that the Special Work Session on Saturday, March 6th will be focused on determining how we want the monument to be laid out. What type of walkway, where to put the walkway, where to place the bench(es), what will be engraved, do we want plants, etc? He would like the plans completed by the end of next month and everything installed by the end of the summer. He suggested that we get Fort Worth Monument to share pictures of some of the monuments/benches that they have done in the past. He also suggested that members go to other cities and see what types of monuments they have and how they are placed and presented.

9. Committee Reports:

Heritage Park- The River Oaks Community Garden has been approved by the City Council. A workday is being planned and details will be posted on the City of River Oaks website.

Lions Triangle – Looks good.

Woodridge Park – Public Works still working on the bricks.

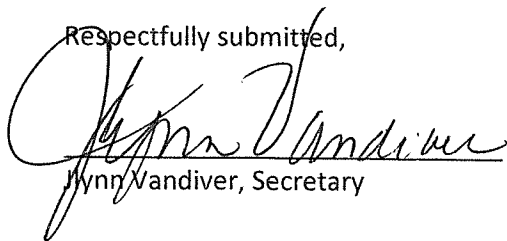
McGee Park – Have now received 3 quotes for fencing. The quote from Allied Fencing was for \$4500.00. James Myrick made a motion to send this quote to the City Council for approval to replace the fencing at McGee Park baseball/softball fields. Bob Jamison seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried. Marvin will present this bid/proposal at the next City Council Meeting.

Meeting Recap: The Work session this Saturday will focus on the design and placement of the Monument at Lonestar JR Park. If the Public Works department does not have time to complete the tree trimming and removal, and there is time available, Parks Board Members will attempt to work on this task.

10. **Adjournment:**

James Myrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. David Ballard seconded the motion. All Aye. Motion Carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynn Vandiver, Secretary

APPROVED:


David Ballard, Chairman

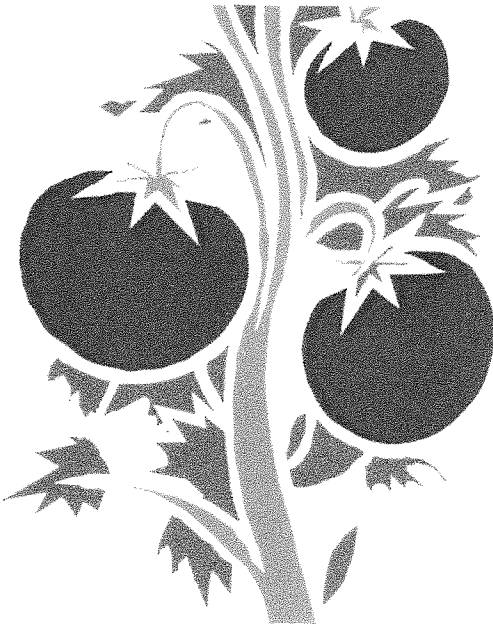
River Oaks Community Garden

APPROVED!

Our Mission

Is to encourage gardeners of all ages to be more self sustaining and to help build the community up by working together.

You do not have to work in the garden to benefit from the harvest, all the fruit and vegetables are available for everyone, especially those in need!



The Plan

To repurpose Heritage Park (the butterfly garden) at Roberts Cut Off Rd and Sansom Cir. We will reuse what's there and rearrange the bricks to make more beds.

What will we plant?

Peas, green beans, radishes, cucumber, tomatoes, peppers, squash, trombone squash, zucchini, pumpkins, collard greens, lettuce, parsley, cilantro, basil, rosemary, mint, sage, oregano.

Join Us

We are always looking for more volunteers and if there is anyone that would like to stay informed then please join us on Facebook and Instagram!

What's next?

We have been approved so now we need to plan our work day! We will need one or two work days to rearrange the bricks and prep the dirt then one day to plant the main vegetables. After that maintenance is easy. This is not something that I want volunteers to spend hours doing. A quick stop after work to pull a weed or two is fine. We can all work together to make it very simple. If everyone does a little bit, we can accomplish a lot.