

**Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, November 10, 2022**

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

Members Present:

**James Myrick, Place 5
Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman, Place 4
Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary, Place 2
Joksan Holquin, Place 6**

Staff Present:

**Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Gordon Smith, Public Works Director
Cassie Dyer, Public Works Admin**

Visitors Present:

Brent Forrester

Absent:

**David Ballard, Chairman - excused
Leigh Ann Turner Council Liaison, Place 3– excused**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Vice Chairman Jamison.
2. Public Testimony
3. **Member Roll Call**
Members Present Jamison, Vandiver, Holquin and Myrick.
4. **Approval of Board Minutes:**
Approval of minutes from the October 6, 2022 Parks Board Meeting.
James Myrick made a motion to approve the minutes with a correction to the spelling of his name and Joksan Holquin seconded the motion. All approved. The minutes stand as written with the correction.
5. Liaison Council Member Leigh Ann Turner absent. No report.
6. Discussion and/or Action on this Year's Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting.
The Economic Development Committee and the Park Board will each donate \$1000.00.

Brent Forrester presented information from the City Council regarding the Christmas Parade. The tree will be decorated on December 3rd. Presently there are 17 registered to participate in the parade. There will be a Santa and Mrs. Claus in the Annex, a Jazz Band, the reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". There will be 3 food trucks.

The route will be from Tulane (Castleberry Elementary) to Yale, turn right on Black Oak and continue down to Sam Calloway and across River Oaks Blvd and continue down Sam Calloway Road. Will cross Roberts Cut-Off to Blackstone past the Community Center and then turn left onto Merritt. Will continue down Merritt to River Oaks Blvd to City Hall.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be riding on an old firetruck. We will have a patrol car with lights. John Claridge has an old Rustic Truck for Photos. Restroom facilities will be in the Annex.

Will need to speak to the Police Chief regarding closing River Oaks Blvd or directing traffic. We need to get a quote for lighting for the tree. Parking needs to be planned. 2 former Marines will oversee Toys for Tots.

7. Discussion and/or action on the future plans for the Skate Park Mural Project at Woolridge Park. The mural plans have been put on hold but the retaining wall may be improved with donation of cinder blocks from the school. For lighting, Gordon will check to see if the pole belongs to the city or ONCOR. LED is preferable when lightening is installed. The same lighting would also be preferable for the Basketball Court.

8. Committee Reports:

Lion's Triangle – Looks good.

Heritage Park – Needs some clean-up.

Community Center – Cleaned up. Looks good. Boxes still there.

Woolridge Park – Hopefully finalization of retaining wall by next meeting and info regarding the lighting.

McGee Park – Re-mulching the kiddie ride area. Plan to take rides and fabric out and re-mulch in the spring. Light on the basketball court is out. We had a rental last week for the basketball court. What is the timer set for on the basketball court? On the East side of McGee Park, the Handicap sign is down. It needs a new pole.

Lone Star Park – Looks good. Bob Jamison will install the solar lights again for the Christmas Parade.

Correspondence:

9. Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements.

Mosquito season is over.

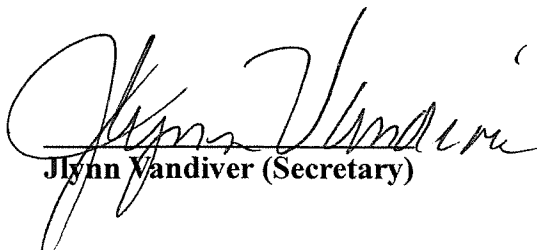
Restrooms at McGee Park need to be repaired or replaced.


Cancel December PB Meeting. Meet on January 5, 2023.

13. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by James Myrick and seconded by Jopksan Holquin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jlynn Vandiver (Secretary)


Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman