

**Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, January 4, 2024**

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

Members Present:

**Robert Percy, Place 2
James Myrick, V-Chair, Place 3
Joksan Holguin, Place 5**

Vice Jennifer Gansert, Alt 1

4 Cristal Zubia, Alt 2

Leigh Ann Turner, Council Liaison

Staff Present:

**Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Cassie Dyer, Public Works Admin
Jeremy Bell, Director of Public Works**

Member Absent:

**Carley Meyers, Place 1
Chairman, Place 4**

Visitors Present:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

called the Parks Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

V-Chair held a moment of silence for the Holland Family.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

All members

4. Public Testimony:

none

5. ANNOUNCEMENT: Resignation of Bob Jamison as the Chairman and Member of the Parks Board.

V-Chair Myrick read Chairmans Resignation letter.

6. Member Roll Call:

Member Meyers was not able to attend. Member Alt Gansert sat in.

With V-Chair running the meeting due to Chairman resignation member Alt Zubia sat in.

7. Approval of Board Minutes:

Member Holguin made a motion to approve November 2, 2023, Parks Board Meeting Minutes, with corrections, noting Member Pearcy was online not absent.
Member Gansert seconded the motion.

All vote “aye”

8. Report from council liaison Council member Place, 3 Leigh Ann Turner

The Christmas event was a huge success. If the Parks Board wants to be in next year’s Parade the committee needs to know now so we can start preparing for it.

9. Discussion and/or Action on the Kaboom Grant Application that could include Board approval recommending to the City Council that the City’s required financial contribution in order to participate in the grant funding be expended from the Parks Board Dollar Donation Fund.

PWD Bell spoke about the grant. We are currently waiting for fund monies to hit our region. With the grant the only thing we would have to do is pay upfront \$8,500 and have a total of 90 volunteers from the community to help with the build. This grant is very community based. There are phases for this grant. They start with sending a designer out to look over the area, then they would like to talk to parents and children about the playground they would like to see, then last, we have the build week.

PWD Bell is asking the Parks Board members approve \$8,500 from the dollar donations to make the grant work.

Member Holguin makes a motion to recommend to the City Council that we use \$8,500 from the Dollar Donation Fund for the grant.
Member Pearcy seconded the motion.

All voted “aye.”

10. Discussion and/or Action on Public Marketing and Promotional Flyers

The city sent out flyers with highlights about the dollar donation.

We have had a decrease in donations since the flyer went out.

11. Update from the City Manager on setting up a 501C-3 Non-Profit Organization for Parks

Marvin is working with the attorney. It will take about 60 days.

12. Report from City Manager on the November & December 2023 Parks Board Financial Report.

Marvin is going over the budget.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Lion's Triangle
 - No update
- Heritage Park
 - The bushes have been removed. It looks good, looks cleaner.
- Wooldridge Park
 - Member Percy has reached out to a friend he will email a list on how to get funding.
 - CISD art teachers for painting the mural, Member Percy will reach out and see if they are willing to help.
 - The light that was installed does not reach the skate park, Marvin will talk to Oncor,
- McGee Park
 - Looks good.
 - PWD Bell is asking the board to remove the playground equipment, being it is unsafe, and we have a letter from an inspector saying the park is unsafe and recommended that we remove it. Public Works is having to go every morning to replace the barricades and retape the playground off, even with the signs and barricades and tape the residents will remove them so kids can play on the playground. The residents have even stolen the signs and a few barricades.

Member Holguin made a motion to remove the playground equipment from McGee Park.

Member Gansert seconded the motion.

All voted "aye."

- Lone Star J.R. Park
 - Looks good.
 - The electricity was shot down for now. We had a bid of 10 thousand dollars for the meter box installation. The city does not have the monies now.

Correspondence:

14. **Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements**

Amend the minutes saying Member Percy was remote and not absent.

Member Gansert made a motion to amend the minutes from November 2, 2023.
Member Holguin seconded the motion.

All voted "aye."

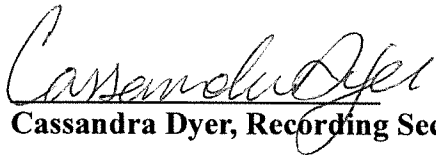
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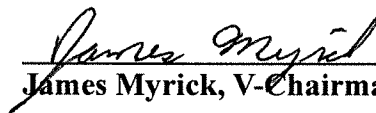
15. **Adjournment:** 8:21 p.m.

Member Gansert made a motion to adjourn.
Member Holguin seconded the motion.

All voted "aye."

Respectfully Submitted:


Cassandra Dyer, Recording Secretary


James Myrick, V-Chairman