

Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board
January 6, 2022

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

Members Present:

Bob Jamison, Place 1
Joksan Holquin, Place 4
Jlynn Vandiver, Place 2, Secretary
James Myrick, Place 3
Jill Walker, Alternate 1
Darren Houk (Council Liaison)

Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Jim Byrom (River Oaks Lions Club)
Shirley Wheat (River Oaks Community Center Director)

Absent:

David Ballard (excused)

1. Meeting was called to order by Bob Jamison at 6:42 p.m.
2. **Public Testimony:** Read by Bob Jamison
3. **Member Roll Call:**
Members Present: Jamison ,Holquin, Vandiver, Myrick Houk, and Walker.
4. **Approval of Board Minutes :**
Approval of the minutes from the December 2, 2021 Meeting. James Myrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Joksan Holquin seconded the motion. The Minutes stand as written.
5. **Report from Darren Houk,** Mayor Pro-Tem – Inquiries about Lonestar JR Park and the plans that Chairman Ballard had prepared. When will action be taken? What are the plans.
6. **Request for Consideration of plans for Lone Star J.R. Park submitted by Mayor Pro-Tem Houk**
Phase 1 – Jumpstart. We need to take action and begin work on this project.
Darren brought plans for phase one that includes a 4 inch thick concrete pad and a handicap walkway from the curb. The concrete pad and sidewalk will cost approximately \$4300 installed. The pad will be 20' X 20' and the sidewalk will be 6' x 6'. Also, some very basic landscaping will be installed at an approximate cost of \$100. Possibly, park benches and trash cans can be installed. Approximate cost is \$1800.
The River Oaks Lion's Club and the Historical Society donated \$1000 for this and Roofing Solutions will also make a donation.
As of today, there is \$22,538 in the dollar donation fund. Proposed budget for the Parks Board Donation is \$5200.00

A request for consideration was put before the board and approved. Darren Houk will go before the City Council with these plans at the next Council Meeting. Bob Jamison and the board thanked Darren for his efforts planning Phase 1.
7. **Request from Erika Caywood to use Heritage Park for a Community Garden for another year.**

The Board thanked Erika for work done on Heritage Park. Park looks great and is in good shape. There have been 6 volunteers that continued to work during the fall/winter season. To date, there have been 518 LIKES on the Facebook page.

Erika would like to use space at the Community Center to start another garden. There are a lot of stickers in the grass. Most likely, they will use Raised Beds at this facility. The garden will be on the Winters side of the Community Center. It has morning sun and the building will shade the area from about 4 to 5 pm. There are also two water hydrants on that side of the building. There is very little traffic on that side of the building.

They plan to use old tires and paint them for the raised beds. The ground slopes to the street and the water runs naturally. James Myrick is concerned about the use of old tires since they attract and breed mosquitoes.

Erika will get with Shirley Wheat and formalize what will be done at the Community Center. City Council will have to approve use of the Community Center since it is not under the jurisdiction of the Parks Board.

Erika requested to use Heritage Park for another year as a Community Garden. More vegetables and flowers will be planted. Jlynn Vandiver made a motion to allow Erika to use Heritage Park as a Community Garden for another year and James Myrick 2nd the motion. Motion carried and Heritage Park will be used as a Community Garden for another year.

8. **Discussion and/or action on amending the annual lease agreement for use of McGee Park for LYSA Softball:**

Kenny Matthews, president of LYSA attended the meeting virtually. Parks Board agreed to leave the lease as is for the duration of the present contract. The season will begin on the last Saturday of March (3/26/2022).

LYSA officers will attend the February Parks Board Meeting.

Per Gordon Smith, the back netting has been ordered and should be here before the end of the month.,

9. **Update from Alternate Member Jill Walker regarding Mural Signage at Woolridge Park:**

A copy of Ordinance No. 1328-2021 regarding Murals in the City of River Oaks was provided to the Board members. Jill will supply information for a mini-grant thru Thrivent Financial for \$275.00 to use to purchase paints to the council at the next meeting.

Two signs have been primed. Jill will take to the next Council meeting. We ask that Marvin please add to the agenda for the Council Meeting on 1/11/22/.

Jill will also find out what the Castleberry art classes envision the mural to look like.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Lion's Triangle:

Looks Good.

Heritage Park: Looks good. Bushes in the flower bed by the sign are dead and need to be removed. There are several other bushes that need attention.

Woolridge Park

Retaining wall still needs to be repaired. Jill is working with Castleberry art classes for murals.

McGee Park:

Working on backstop netting. Still waiting on basketball netting to be delivered.

Lonestar JR Park:

The sprinkler system needs to be cut out of the park. There are broken sprinkler parts and landscape fabric visible all over the park and needs to be removed. Public Works is keeping the grass mowed. This park will be the next focus for the Parks Board.

The Board's Winter project is to work on the Memorial to Johnny Rutherford.

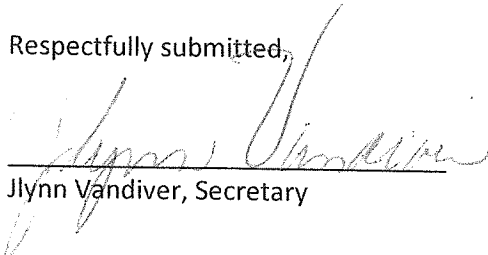
CORRESPONDENCE:

Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:


James Myrick made a motion to adjourn and Joksan Holquin seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary

APPROVED:



David Ballard, Chairman