

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

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

Members Present:

**James Myrick, Place 3
Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman, Place 4
Joksan Holquin, Place 5**

Staff Present:

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

Member Absent:

**David Ballard, Chairman, Place 1
Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary, Place 2
Leigh Ann Turner, Council Liaison**

Visitors Present:

LYSA member,

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Jamison

2. Public Testimony

None

3. Member Roll Call

Chairman Ballard not able to attend.
Member Vandiver not able to attend. Excused.

4. Approval of Board Minutes:

Work Session Meeting Minutes:

Member Myrick made a motion to approve March 2, 2023, work session meeting. Member Holquin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Minutes approved.

February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes:

Member Myrick made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Member Holquin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Minutes approved.

5. Liaison Council Member Leigh Ann Turner.

Not Present.

6. **Discussion and/or action on approving an annual lease agreement for use of McGee Park for the 2023 baseball & softball season by Loins Youth Sports Association (LYSA).**

Marvin reading over the 2022 lease agreement and terms to confirm the new lease agreement and terms for the 2023 year.

Member Myrick showing some parking that shouldn't be, need to have a sign that will allow the Police Department to write tickets for violations, to help stop the unwanted parking.

Member Myrick made a motion to approve the 2023 Lease Agreement with LYSA as revised in the meeting. Member Holguin seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Motion passed.

7. **Discussion and/or action on Park Master Planning as presented by Joseph S. Portugal PhD ICMA-CM, Assistant Adjunct Professor, University of Texas Arlington.**

The survey is ending on the 10th of March. Dr. Portugal and his team will go through all the surveys. We will need to do a public hearing for the master plan.

8. **Update on this year's plans for the community garden at Heritage Park**

Not sure what will happen. We will come back to this.

9. **Committee Reports:**

Lion's Triangle –

Heritage Park – Sprinkler issues. we will have repairs done. We may not have a garden this year for we can not get the volunteers like last year.

Community Center –

Woolridge Park – removed the skate park and put in a basketball court, per the last conversation with Member Ballard and Council Liaison Turner. Board members are not in agreement. The retaining wall: Public works cleaned the drainage ditch and both coverts, it helped, Storm Water has a master plan that we are waiting on to see how we can permanently repair/fix the retainage wall. As of now we have a good drainage.

McGee Park - Public works is going to have Lone Star install the lights at McGee. The Public Works Director gave the board what we are planning to do and how much it will cost for the repairs and installation of new lights.

Lone Star J.R. Park – the City Engineer is looking into the leveling of this park. The City is in contact with Oncor but we are unsure of the price. This will be brought back to the board once we know. the Sprinklers at this park a no longer working. The black netting around the trees needs to be removed. Public Works is working on this. Lone Star also has

so many stickers, what is the game plan there? There is no water at this park to soak into the soil, so we are keeping it mowed. Board members are wanting to put in some planters that are less maintenance since there is no way of watering on a schedule.

Correspondence:

10. Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements.

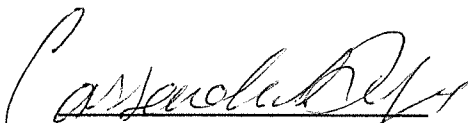
Member Holguin thanked public works for the lights at McGee Park. He is glad we are doing something to better the parks with the master plan.


11. Adjournment:

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

All voted aye. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:


Lynn Vandiver, Secretary
Public Work Secretary
Cassie Dyer


David Ballard, Chairman
Vice Chairman
Bob Jamison