

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, May 4, 2023**

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

Members Present:

**David Ballard, Chairman, Place 1
James Myrick, Place 3
Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman, Place 4
Joksan Holquin, Place 5
Leigh Ann Turner, Council Liaison**

Staff Present:

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

Member Absent:

Secretary, Place 2

Visitors Present:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by

2. Public Testimony

None.

3. Member Roll Call:

All members present.

Member Vandiver resigned.

Public Works Admin will take minutes until a new secretary is placed.

4. Approval of Board Minutes:

Member Holquin made a motion to approve April 6, 2023, Parks Board Meeting Minutes.

Member Myrick seconded the motion.

All vote "aye"

5. Liaison Council Member Leigh Ann Turner.

No new report from Council.

6. Update on Park Master Plan by City Manager

Marvin giving update: talked with Dr. Portugal, he doesn't want to present to Park Board till the middle of the month, then it will go to Council with the recommendation from Parks Board. We

will have to have a special meeting. Once we have the recommendation from parks board we will take it to council. August 1st is the deadline for the Grant, it's a matching grant, so if we do \$150 they will match \$150. When we submit, we will have to tell them what we can match.
Leigh Ann: maybe talk to EDC, it would bring in new traffic.
Marvin: Under the law they can do it. We are trying to have everything ready by June 1st. I will contact everyone for a meeting date.

7. **Consider Approval to expend funds from the Park Dollar Donation Fund to upgrade lighting at McGee Park**

Member Holguin made a motion to approve \$7715.23 be diverted from dollar donation to account 01-524-5315 "Park Maintenance" to balance out the account.
Member Myrick second the motion.

All vote "aye"

8. **Committee Reports:**

Lion's Triangle – looks good.

Heritage Park – some of the flowers and bushes are dying. Public Works did get it removed. The lady that had the garden is not going to continue this year. Maybe we can use it as a green space or see if another group can take over it. It needs to look nice being it is the first park you see coming into the city.

Woolridge Park – Marvin Gregory: we are going to get a light added it the park. We will have it on the pole by the fence. This will be free of charge. I have already signed the contract. The lights will be LED lights. The light will be in 4 to 6 weeks.

McGee Park – the lights look great. PWD Bell brough some quotes regarding trash cans for the board to look over.

Discussion on redoing the mulch at McGee Park playground.

The board members want to order 6 trash cans with 2 trash cans being donated to the city, by Council Liaison Turner. 1 at each dug outs total of 4, 2 at the concession stand, and 2 at the basketball.

The board would like to order red Uline thermo plastic trash cans.

The board approved to divert a total of \$13,000 from the dollar donation to purchase the trash cans and cover the lighting cost.

All voted "aye."

On the east side of the parking we are still having people park overnight. PWD Bell will order more signs.

Lone Star J.R. Park – Electricity at the Park putting in lines: if it's overhead its \$0 impact on the city other than light fixtures. If we bury the line it will be at least \$2,000 dollars. We would have to bore under the road. Member Myrick: hoping we can put it under ground being it will be cleaner looking, and have a switch attached so we can turn on and off lights.

Correspondence:

9. Board Member Questions, Comments and Announcements.

none

Adjourn:


10. Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.

Board members made a motion to adjourn.

All voted "aye."

Respectfully Submitted:


Cassandra Dyer, Recording Secretary


~~David Ballard, Chairman~~
Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman