

**Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board  
Thursday, May 5, 2022**

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

**Members Present:**

**David Ballard, Chairman, Place 1  
Bob Jamison, Vice Chairman, Place 4  
James Myrick, Place 3  
Jill Walker, Alternate 1  
Jlynn Vandiver, Place 2, Secretary  
Joksan Holquin, Place 4**

**Staff Present:**

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

**Absent:**

**Darren Houk - Council Liaison (excused)**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Ballard.
2. Public Testimony
3. **Member Roll Call**  
Members Present: Ballard, Jamison, Holquin, Myrick, Vandiver, and Walker
4. **Approval of Board Minutes:**  
Approval of minutes from the April 5, 2022 Parks Board Meeting with corrections  
James Myrick made a motion to approve the minutes and Joksan Holquin seconded the motion. The minutes will be corrected, signed and submitted to City Manager.
5. Report from Council Liaison Darren Houk :  
No report as Councilman Houk not in attendance.
6. Discussion and action on submitting the city's Proposal for Round 3 of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CDBG-CV (Care's Act) grant funds to solicit **COVID-19 Related** project ideas for public facilities and infrastructure pertaining to City Parks.

Gordon Smith went to a meeting (Tarrant County Community Development) regarding water infrastructure pipeline. The amount was \$250,000.00 to 500,000.00. The low to moderate income levels in our area support the grant. The Pavilion estimate for McGee Park was approximately \$100,000. The City Council voted for the Water infrastructure.

There are other foundations to which the Parks Board can apply. Currently until August 1, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation are accepting applications. Bob Jamison has more information about grants available in Texas.

Since the last meeting, there has been some vandalism at McGee Park. Someone tried to break into the Concession Stand. The boards on the bleachers were torn up. LYSA made some repairs. There is a temporary roof and the boards were replaced.

7. Update from Alternate Member Jill Walker on the Mural Signage at Woolridge Park: Since the last meeting. The Council approved the expenditure of \$200+ for paint and primer for the murals at the skate park. We did have a tagger. Jill and Christy Keime posted on Instagram about the mural project. Another paint project is to paint an Angel or maybe just Wings. Plan to have a Pick Yourself Up Workday. Volunteers are interested. May post selfies on SocialMedia to convince the City Council to add more to the skate park.

Bob Jamison suggested that when we replace the Woolridge Sign, that it is decorative. A name change was suggested. However, that must go before the City Council. It is a donated property. The name should include Skate Park. The kids would like a light. An LED lease was suggested. Gordon will check into leasing a light. Would like to have it placed close to the granite walkway. To have this done by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July would be awesome. Would draw some fireworks observers to the area. You can see the Fort Worth Fireworks show from the area.

Marvin will contact Oncor for the cost to install the light and TXU for the monthly fee. Must be considerate of the family in the blue house so that he does not complain.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Lion's Triangle – Needs weed killer applied.

Heritage Park – (River Oaks Community Garden) – Spring cleaning and planting has begun. Planning a workday soon.

Woodridge Park – The murals are completed. Plans continue.

McGee Park – Gordon Smith presented the idea of dismantling the Firefighter portion of the park because of safety issues and relocating it. Will contact Fire Chief about raising memorial funds to redo the Firefighter monument. The broken cement in that area needs to be jackhammered and removed and that corner cleaned up. This is a long-term project. Discussed installing a water fountain near the basketball court to eliminate all the water bottles in the area. The cost would be \$4000 – 7500.00.

LoneStar JR Park – looks good. Still needs some more landscaping. The benches are on order. They are being manufactured by State Prisoners. Need to get all the pipes out of the ground and the weed barrier needs to be removed. It was suggested that we have a split rail fence installed on the 183 side of the park.

Community Center - (River Oaks Community Garden #2) Work has begun.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Damage to McGee Park. What could have been done to prevent this? The vandalism probably happened during the day. There are cracks in the wall to the concession stands and a temporary roof was installed to stop the leaks. Probably will cost about \$6700.00 to repair.

10. **Adjournment:**

The motion to adjourn was made by majority vote at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Lynn Vandiver (Secretary)



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David Ballard, Chairman