

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, July 6, 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**

Member Absent:

Secretary, Place 2

Visitors Present:

Darren Houk, Mayor

1. Call Meeting to Order.

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

2. Public Testimony

none

3. Member Roll Call:

Chairman Ballard stepped down from Chairman. V-Chair Jamison was promoted to Chairman.

4. Approval of Board Minutes:

Member Myrick made a motion to approve June 7, 2023, Parks Board Meeting Minutes.
Member Holquin seconded the motion.

All vote "aye"

5. Statement of Appointed Officials and Oath of Office for 2023 Park Boards Member Appointments. (New Appointees will take their place at the dais following being sworn in).

David stepped down from the board. Chairman Jamison took over the meeting. Mayor and Marvin thanking David for everything he has done for the board.

Carley Myers, Jennifer Gansert, and Robert Percy were sworn in by Marvin.

Bob Jamison, James Myrick, and Joksan Holquin were reappointed by Marvin.

6. Appointment of Vice-Chairman and Board Secretary of the River Oaks Parks Board

Chairman Jamison made a motion to have Member Myrick as the Vicechair
Member Holguin seconded the motion.

All vote “aye”

Member Meyers is Place 1
Member Gansert is Alt. 1
Member Percy is Place 2
Member Jamison is Place 4, Chairman
Member Myrick is Place 3, Vicechair
Member Holguin is Place 5
Council Member Liaison Leigh Ann

Member Cristal Zubia, was not able to attend Marvin will swear her in later, she is Alt. 2

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

Council Member Turner: welcomed the new board members and went over the Park Master Plan to help the new members get caught up with the process and where we are at.

8. Updated on River Oaks Park Master Plan as submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife on June 14, 2023

Marvin: Texas Parks and Wildlife, takes bout 3 weeks. We are waiting for the confirmation that it has been certified. Once it is certified we will send it to get grants. I will call and get an update.

9. Consider approval to expend funds for a Park Consultant at McGee Park.

Marvin: Dr. Portugal recommend Dennis Smims to assess everything that we will need for the parks. \$2,000 to \$3,500 for a consultant fee is needed to have Mr. Smims inspect the parks.

Member Holguin made a motion to expend \$3,500 from the dollar donation to cover the consultant fee.

Member Meyers seconded the motion.

All vote “aye”

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Lion's Triangle
 - The flowers are starting to bloom.
- Heritage Park
 - No report
- Wooldridge Park
 - Another tagger painted the brick retaining wall. Only one trash can is up there need to add more. Light is installed.
- McGee Park
 - Trash cans are working. Maybe think about getting a water fountain by the basketball court. We don't have a water fountain in the master plan. If we did put a fountain in it could reduce the number of water bottles being thrown away or left out. We should look into getting a water fountain for people and dogs. All members agree.
- Lone Star J.R. Park
 - Looks good, the trees are trimmed nicely.
- Masonic Park
 - The board members discussing what could be done here. A 2nd community center, a dog park, or soccer field. If we do a soccer field we would need to put up fencing to help keep the ball out of the street.
 - Would we be able to have a sidewalk going from the lot to Meandering for the trails.
 - We could do a contest for the public and have them paint the outside of the building kind of like a show case. If we change the name we can get the community's input.

Correspondence:

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

Board members discussing what they would like the board to accomplish, and agreeing with staying active and reflect what the people want.

Chairman Jamison would like to make changes: I want to start with an invocation and pledge. And we should have some training sessions. And we need to start doing the things that we talk about. set deadlines and an action plan to help make the deadlines.

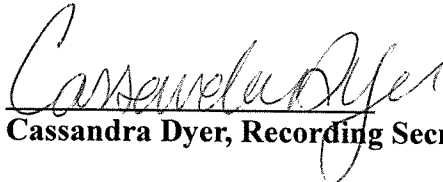
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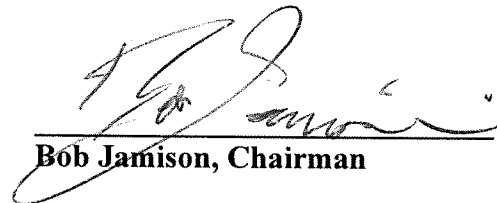
12. **Adjournment:** 8:18 p.m.

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

All voted "aye."

Respectfully Submitted:


Cassandra Dyer, Recording Secretary


Bob Jamison, Chairman