

**Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, September 8, 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
Jlynn Vandiver, Secretary, Place 2
Leigh Ann Turner – Council Liaison**

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

**James Myrick – excused
Joksan Holquin- excused**

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Ballard.
2. Public Testimony
3. **Member Roll Call**
Members Present: Ballard, Jamison, Vandiver and Turner. Jill Walker moved to Oklahoma and has resigned.
4. **Approval of Board Minutes:**
Approval of minutes from the July 7, 2022 Parks Board Meeting
Bob Jamison made a motion to approve the minutes and Jlynn Vandiver seconded the motion. All approved. The minutes stand as written.
5. Report from council liaison Council member Leigh Ann Turner. State that she is excited to be on board.
6. Discussion and/or Action regarding LYSA Fall Softball and Baseball Schedule.
LYSA has not provided the new schedule for the fall.
Homework: The LYSA contract renewal is scheduled for the Spring 2023. Have Cassie Dyer email contracts to all members to review. As a board, members will go through and tweak and make changes as needed.
7. Discussion and/or action regarding Alternate Member Appointees to the Park Board.
There are two vacant alternate member positions. Council Liaison Leigh Ann Turner knows mentioned Brent Forrester as a possible appointee. If any member knows someone who is interested, please let the Board know and it will be discussed.
8. Discussion and/or action on plans for the Woolridge Skate Park Mural Project. There are no murals at Woolridge Park at the moment. What happened to them? A theme needs to be chosen for the murals. Preferably one that is cheery. We need sketches to be submitted

for approval. Hopefully, the Castleberry Art Department will continue their interest in the project and provide these.

9. Committee Reports:

Lion's Triangle – Looks good. Needs to have some salvia planted. It needs more color.

Heritage Park – The garden is dead due to the heat, lack of rain and sprinkler system.

Community Center – garden doing great.

Woolridge Park – Gordon has contacted a contractor regarding repairs to the retaining wall. Will get the pricing for us by the next meeting.

McGee Park – Park is always full of kids playing basketball.

Lone Star Park – Needs mowing. Have not completing removal of the irrigation system.

The underground matting has been removed. Still needs scraping. Need to maintain and improve the “Memorial Park.”

12. Correspondence:

Gordon suggested that we develop a Master Plan for all the parks.

Suggestions for Christmas in the City. Continue the Solar lights at Lonestar JR Park.

The Hallmark Channel has some good ideas for small city Christmas celebrations. Maybe

lights on a tree at the Community Center or in front of City Hall. Maybe a kickoff on the

weekend after Thanksgiving at McGee Park with food trucks, hot chocolate, lights on top

of the fences. David Ballard will go the Council Meeting on 9/13 and 9/20 to discuss

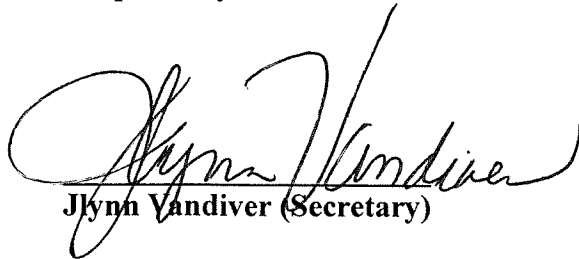
possibilities. What is our budget?

13. Adjournment:

The motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Ballard and seconded by Bob Jamison.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Jlynn Vandiver (Secretary)


David Ballard, Chairman