

**Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of the River Oaks Parks Board
Thursday, March 7, 2024**

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

Members Present:

**Robert Percy, Place 2
James Myrick, Chairman, Place 3
Jennifer Gansert, Place 4, V-Chair
Joksan Holguin, Place 5
Ryann Jill Fox, Alt 2**

Staff Present:

**Marvin Gregory, City Manager
Cassandra Dyer, Recording Secretary
Jeremy Bell, Director of Public Works**

Member Absent:

**Carley Meyers, Place 1
Cristal Zubia, Alt 1
Leigh Ann Turner, Council Liaison**

Visitors Present:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

Chairman Myrick called the Parks Board meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. Invocation

Moment of silence

3. Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

All members

4. Public Testimony:

None

5. Member Roll Call:

Member Myers was not able to attend. Member Fox sat in.
Member Zubia was not able to attend.
Member Percy was online.

6. Approval of Board Minutes:

Member Gansert made a motion to approve February 1, 2024, Parks Board Meeting Minutes.
Member Holguin seconded the motion.

All vote "aye"

7. Statement of Appointed Officer and Oath of Office for Ryan Jill Fox as Alternate #2 Member

Mrs. Fox was sworn in before meeting.

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

No Report

9. Discussion and/or action on project proposal for the Non-Urban Outdoor Grant opportunity or Small Community Grant opportunity with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Marvin attached information to the packet. He would like the board members to start thinking about what they would like to apply for. Marvin talked with the Rangers, they do ask we update the bleaches, bathroom, and roof of the concussion stand, we will need pricing on it. Once we have all the information we can send it over to Rangers, and then they will let us know what can happen from there.

10. Discussion and/or action on Public Marketing and Promotional Flyers.

Member Gansert had someone draft a logo for the park's fountain. The logo will need to be more River Oaks. And she will bring a logo to next meeting. We are still looking at a QR code as well.

Colors would make it pop more to the eye.

STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:

11. Update from the City Manager on Parks Foundation of River Oaks (501C-3 Non-Profit Organization for Parks).

Called the attorney and they have not submitted it yet; it will be at least 2 weeks. Once we get it back we will be able to set meetings and budget. We are ready to move forward once we get it back.

They will be able to go through payment group for any donations, it has worked well for our Animal Shelter.

12. Updated from PWD Jeremy Bell on the Kaboom Grant application.

Sarah told us she would let us know when funds are available for us, right now they do not have funding for our region. We don't have a timeline right now. This goes off donors and they break the funding down by region, it does depend on how many applicants depends on how much funding is for each region. Sarah is very responsive.

13. Report from City Manager on February 2024 Parks Board Financial Report.

City Manager going over the February 2024 Parks Board Financial Report.

14. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Lion's Triangle
 - No update
- Heritage Park
 - Members of the board were discussing maybe leaving a space for Butterflies to come back. Maybe stake an area off so it's not mowed.
- Wooldridge Park
 - (Skate Park)
 - The kids like to hang out in the ramp's spaces, public works clean up any trash that may be left behind.
 - Talk with the Tony Hawk Foundation to see if there is any assistance we could have. Board talking about moving a few of the ramps to help it flow better for the kids.
- McGee Park
 - Water fountain is in and is working. The fountain is on its own water valve so there is easy to shut off in case of any problems.
 - LYSA did start practice Monday. We are more of a practice field than a game field. They do have 16 team this year.
 - We have Lone Star Plumbing out at McGee Park for repairs to the bathrooms' water lines.
- Lone Star J.R. Park
 - Board talking about having the area like a racetrack to keep in line with the Monument for J.R. Weatherford.

Correspondence:

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

Board members would like to plan a work session to start the planning for the parks improvements.

Work session is scheduled for March 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn:

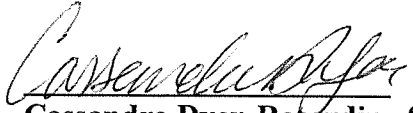
16. **Adjournment:** 8:06 p.m.

Member Holguin made a motion to adjourn.

Member Gansert second the motion.

All vote "aye"

Respectfully Submitted:


Cassandra Dyer, Recording Secretary


James Myrick, Chairman