

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, 2/12/ 2015 at 6:30 pm

City Hall Jury Room located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Tx 76114

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BALLARD, VICE- CHAIR

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3

STAFF PRESENT:

Public Works Director- James Hatley

VISITORS

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

LYSA Mgr- MIKE VARGAS

MEMBERS ABSENT

JOE ASHTON, EXCUSED

J. LYNN VANDIVER, EXCUSED

JASON MARTINEZ, EXCUSED

NORMA Cumberledge(did not request excused)

1. Call to Order: By Chairman Makarwich at 6:34 pm
2. Member Roll Call: (MEMBERS - Makarwich, Ballard, Warriner , Brooks)
3. Approve Minutes of November 6, 2014 meeting
Vice- Chair Ballard made a motion to accept the minutes. Chairman Makarwich seconded the motion. All – Aye.
4. Report from Council Liaison- Joe Ashton- in absentia
5. LYSA requesting approval to contract use of the McGee Park Ball fields for the 2015 Spring baseball and softball schedule

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- a. Mike Vargas presented the Schedule which includes March and April practice dates. The first game is March 28, 2015. The schedule includes the dates for practices and games through the first two weeks in June.
 - b. Mike Vargas reports he will need the fields from 5:30 until to dusk, per the calendar he has provided.
 - c. There are teams of : Ages 3- 4, Ages 5-6, Ages 7-8, Ages 9-10, Ages 11-12, Ages 13-14. There is age 14 years – co- ed teams
 - d. Mike Vargas reports the Commissioner is always on site at the games.
 - e. Chairman Makarwich requested that Mike Vargas provide a current copy of the insurance.
 - f. Mike Vargas pays either James Haley or Fabian- weekly for the use of the electricity at the fields. (\$ 15.00 per field)
 - g. The current contract was signed for a total of 5 years.
 - h. Jimmy Warriner made the motion to approve the request for Mike Vargas/LYSA to use the ball fields. Chairman Makarwich seconded the motion. ALL – Aye.
 - i. Chairman Makarwich reports the rope for the flagpole at McGee is missing. James Hatley will take care of this issue.
6. Discussion and/or Action on the recommendation to the council regarding planned improvements of Coates Park.
- a. Jimmy Warriner offered to assist James Haley in trimming the trees at Coates Park after March 5.
7. Committee reports: Discussion any and all Park Properties.
- a. James Hatley reports that he will take daily walks through McGee Park to check the playground equipment
 - b. James Hatley will schedule with LYSA regarding scheduling when the mowing and raking will be done at McGee
 - c. James Hatley will check the sprinklers, basketball nets, fence poles, fences and will repair as needed.
 - d. Chairman Makarwich requested that if the fencing is replaced on the small field that a 6 foot fence be installed with poles 8 feet apart.

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- e. James Hatley will provide an estimate for the material cost for the fencing needed from the dugout to the outfield on the small field.
- f. James Hatley's work force is responsible for the trash removal at Wooldridge.
- g. James Hatley will check the Skate Park monthly for graffiti, etc. He will also place more clay/red dirt at the Skate Park. David Ballard advised that cement be added to the clay mix.
- h. James Hatley will check Coates, Heritage and Lion's Triangle monthly and will place work orders as necessary and will report completion of the work to the Parks Department monthly.
- i. James Hatley's workers will complete daily reports on the BMX Park. This area is labor intensive. FYI: This Park is not used very often.
- j. Chairman Makarwich reports the street light is out at the west entrance of Coates Park. James Hatley will take care of this issue.

HERITAGE PARK

Chairman Makarwich asked James Hatley to purchase fertilizer for the parks. Heritage needs a upgraded mulch, such as cypress mulch for the Rose beds.

LIONS TRIANGLE

- a. David Ballard mentioned that we still have money in the budget to buy the red yucca, etc needed for the Lions Triangle Project.
- b. The funds in the budget must be spent by October 15, 2015. James Hatley will check and let us know how much \$ remains.
- c. David Ballard will provide the estimate of what is needed and the cost, at next month's meeting

COATES PARK - Previously discussed #6

WOOLDRIDGE PARK

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- a. We need some mulch placed on the holly bushes at the BMX Park.

McGEE PARK

Previously discussed #5

8. Public Forum:

James Myrick mentioned that Jim and the other members of the River Oaks Historical Society are interested in donating some funds so the Parks Department can complete a project for the MCGee Monument.

- a. The Monument should be placed on a pedestal or raised to eye level.

We would discuss placing a surface of rocks or bricks at the base of the monument.

* David Ballard said he would contact Jim to invite him to our next Parks Board Meeting.

James Myrick, Chairman Makarwich and Jimmy Warriner surveyed the area recently and will provide pictures of the monument at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment: Chairman Makarwich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 7:27.

Jimmy Warriner seconded the motion

