

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Regular Meeting

River Oaks Community Center, 5300 Blackstone Dr. River Oaks, Texas

Thursday, February 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BALLARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN

J. LYNN VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 – SECRETARY

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, Public Works Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

JOE ASHTON, Council Liaison – Excuse not requested

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, Place 2- Excused

JIMMY WARRINER, Place 3- Excused

CHARLES McCOMB, Alternate 2- Excused

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Makarwich called the Parks Board meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Ballard, Vandiver , Brooks

**3. Approve the minutes from the Meeting from the last meeting, November 7,2013
David Ballard motioned to approve the minutes and J. Lynn seconded the motion.**

4. Report from Council Liaison, Joe Ashton – Joe is absent tonight.

5. Update on timeline for workers to take care of issues at Heritage Park.

a. The water meter has not been turned on yet.

b. There is no battery in the sprinkler system control. Chairman Makarwich requested that James Hatley obtain at least 6 count of 9 volt batteries. James Hatley reported that Lion’s Triangle needs a special battery and he will buy the battery.

6. Discussion and/or Action on Motion Sensors – pricing, status and neighbor authorization.

a. We discussed and all agreed that the Board will go forward with installing Motion sensors at some of the Parks. The motion sensors would be a cost effective method of hopefully controlling mischief.

James Hatley volunteered to check into how many would be needed and said he would provide us with quote at the next Meeting.

b. At this time there is a security light working at the left side of the field at McGee Park. The security light at the Diamond does not illuminate. There is an electrical

outlet located behind the score board. The McGee outfield and the small park must have security lighting.

c. Wooldridge – RE: Skate Park- there is only one pole at this site.

6.d. Motion sensors are needed at McGee Park near the bleachers and the concession stand area.

e. Motion sensors are needed at the Wooldridge Bike and Skate Park.

f. James Hatley reports that someone pried the women's Restroom door jamb open and also, pried the men's RR door and tore down the paper towel dispenser.

g. Chairman Makarwich will flush out the water heaters again.

h. Chairman Makarwich reported the amount of funds available for the Parks Board's use.

i. Note: There are approximately 2,800 households in River Oaks. (¼ to Fire Dept, ¼ to Community Center, ¼ to Library and ¼ to Parks Department)

7.WORKSHOP:

1. Plans for planting flowers and bushes this coming Spring at the Lion's Triangle.

a. A Parks Board volunteer should remove the dead bushes.

b. David Ballard advised that we should gather information from Landscaper's, County Agent or the Botanic Gardens Reps, regarding the best ideas to beautify our parks.

c. Drought and heat resistant plants needed (Zeroscaping ideas).

2. Tree Problems at Coates Park

a. The trees have grown and are crowding other bushes and trees. We need professional ideas on the best way to trim them and if the Parks Board or a Tree specialist should take care of this task.

b. Trees in the Center of River Oaks Blvd need to be trimmed.

c. J. Lynn will contact Jo Ann Butler and Wayne to request the possibility of having a "Beautify the City" day that citizens could volunteer in assisting the Parks Board.

d. James Hatley announced that the City Wide cleaning day in either 4/19 or 4/26. David Ballard mentioned one of those dates is the annual "Fill the Boot" day. April 20 is Easter.

e. James Hatley announced the City has cleaned up McGee Ball Park.

f. The Street Light is out over the meters at Park properties. James Hatley will contact the Electric company rep. James H. has already taken pictures of these issues.

g. Recommendation was made by Chairman Makarwich to the City Council regarding the sale/auction of Lydick Park and Schieffer Park. NOTE: Citizens to vote on the chartered amendment.

8. Action, if any from the Workshop.

a. Board Members will discuss at the next Parks Board Meeting, Thursday March 6.

9. Updates on building maintenance requests (Hatley, Cumberledge)

a. Wooldridge Park – James Hatley has removed the weeds. James H. has ordered the red dirt to fill in the erosion on the hills.

b. James H. reports that the Bathrooms at McGee Park- the floors were painted and the issues/damage to the doors, etc., have been repaired.

10. Committee Reports: Discussion of any and all other matters relating to all Park Properties.

a. Heritage Park – previously discussed 5 a & b

b. Lion's Triangle – previously discussed 5 b &c and 7 a, b &c

c. Coates Park – discussed 7 f

d. Wooldridge Park – 6.b &c, 9 a&b, discussed the need for the motion sensor lights to be installed. Issue with the ramp on the east end of the park. . Chairman Makarwich requested that he meet with James Hatley on site at Wooldridge concerning the hardware in the skate park that was damaged. This area is a trash catcher. This area should be made more secure so that people can not access and hide under this equipment

e. McGee Park – discussed 6a,b&c . 1. Chairman Makarwich requested that he meet with James Hatley on site at Wooldridge concerning the hardware in the skate park that was damaged. This area is a trash catcher. This area should be made more secure so that people can not access and hide under this equipment.

11. Public Forum

a. Chairman Makarwich called Mike Vargas with LYSA to confirm when the Ball Games start this season at McGee – That date is April 7, 2014.

12. Adjournment – Chairman Makarwich adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deb M.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.