

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, 3/12/2015

City Hall Jury Room

4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3

JOE ASHTON, COUNCIL- LIAISON

JUDITH (J. LYNN) VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, PLACE 2

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, Public Works DIRECTOR

VISITORS PRESENT:

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

DAVID BALLARD, Vice- Chair, Place 4 (EXCUSED)

Jason Martinez, (Did not request excused)

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Makarwich
2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Warriner, Vandiver, Brooks, Cumberledge, Ashton (in at 7:10)
3. Approve Minutes from Meeting on Regular Meeting 2/12/15:

Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to approve the 2/12 minutes. J. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton: No report today

5. Discussion and/or Action on preventative maintenance plans of the BMX Trail located at Wooldridge Park located at 4901 Lawther Drive.

a. James Hatley has the red dirt available to place where the areas erode.

b. James Hatley has two loads of mulch. He will place mulch at the base of the Holly bushes.

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c. Norma asked if this area could be used for a park playground and add a basketball diamond? We discussed installing benches at the top of the hill as this is a very scenic area. Note: The Wooldridge family had offered to donate a bench.

d. This area is an expensive area to maintain (man-power). The area is not used very often.

6. Discussion and/or action on the recommendation to the council regarding planned improvements at Coates Park

a. Jimmy Warriner will schedule to meet with James Hatley and his co-workers within the next two weeks to trim the Trees and bushes.

b. Norma asked if we still plan to remove/move any trees? The trees are mature and it would be too expensive to remove them to transplant.

c. Norma asked if we had any response from the letter that was sent to the citizens that live on Coates Drive? NOTED: There were no responses.

7. Committee reports:

Discussion of any and all matters relating all Park properties.

I. Heritage Park

- a. Jimmy Warriner mentioned some of the bricks in the surrounds were out of place. Jimmy will take care of this issue
- b. Chairman Makarwich mentioned that when the grass is mowed, the grass blows into the street and is not removed. James Hatley will take care of this issue

II. Lion's Triangle

- a. Vice- Chairman David will provide the pricing on plants for the garden, in continuation of the project we started last year. He will provide this information in the very near future

III. Coates Park

- a. Previously discussed 6 a & b

IV. Wooldridge Park

- a. We discussed the original Master plan which included another phase which noted possible project in future of additional parking spaces, a playground, plumbing, restrooms, sidewalks, storm drainage and a walking Trail. The area has been surveyed in the past for pursuing this plan.

V. McGee Park

- a. James Hatley reports that recently (after the ice storm) someone drove their care over the baseball field causing deep ruts on the ground. James Hatley and his co-workers are taking care of this issue.
- b. James Hatley installed new locks for the restrooms
- c. James Hatley reports there is a large crack in the wall of the concession stand. Hatley scheduled a structural engineer to confirm if the space is unsafe. The space is safe, the foundation is settling. The wall will be repaired.
- d. James H. installed a new rope for the flag
- e. The first ball game is 3/28
- f. James H. employee's will replace some of the fence post located in the dug outs. This work will be done next week.
- g. Mike Vargas with LYSA provided a copy of the proof of insurance to Susan at City Hall.
- h. There is an issue of the lights under the bleachers. James H. tested the lights and they are working.
- i. One safety light has a broken glass shield. James H. will replace/repair.

PUBLIC FORUM:

1. James Hatley provided a copy to Chairman Makarwich of the Parks meter readings
2. Norma asked about the dollar amount in the Parks Board Dollar Fund? James Hatley said he would provide that information at the next meeting
3. Norma requested taking money out of the fund for the plaque that we want to award the Elementary School with. (For donating the play ground equipment they had. The equipment was placed at McGee Park last year). James Hatley said he will provide the name and numbers of his contacts that create plaques.
4. J. Lynn will see Jim Byrum (with the Lion's Club) at the Lady Lions monthly meeting and she will invite him to the next meeting to discuss their donation for a project at McGee Park.
5. The name of the Baseball Commissioner is :Ruben Abalos- his number is:817-915-7731
The name of the Basketball Commissioner is:
Raymond Cabrera, his number is:817- 404-8962
Mike Vargas is the LYSA President- his number is: 817 673-0985
6. Norma asked James Hatley if he could email the monthly Park checklist to us?
7. We discussed the recent vandalism off Frontier, White Oak and Keith Pumphrey. Cars were tagged and paint scraped from cars.
8. James Hatley will check the basketball goal and the ground at the base of the goal as there is a rut and water collects in this area.

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9. James Hatley will check all Parks sprinklers this month to confirm all are working properly.
10. Joe Ashton mentioned a local citizen that attended the recent Council meeting. This citizen was concerned about the SKATE Park and Bike Park. He had offered to assist in maintaining the parks. Joe provided his name and number to the citizen, but has not heard from him.

9. Adjournment:

Norma motioned to adjourn at 7:35 pm on 3/12/15. Chairman Makarwich seconded the motion. All: Aye.

Handwritten signature: Makarwich
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