

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, June 5, 2014

5300 Blackstone Dr., River Oaks, Texas

MEMBERS PRESENT:

DAVID BALLARD, VICE-CHAIR

JOE ASHTON, COUNCIL LIAISON

JUDITH (J. LYNN) VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, Public Works DIRECTOR

VISITORS PRESENT:

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

JASON MARTINEZ, CITIZEN

SAL LIMAS, CITIZEN

ABSENT:

HUB MAKARWICH (Excused)

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, PLACE 2(Excused)

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3 (Excuse – not requested)

CHARLES McComb, ALTERNATE 2 (excuse -not requested)

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order at 6:33 pm by Vice- Chair : David Ballard**
- 2. Member Roll Call: (Ballard, Ashton, Vandiver, Brooks)**
- 3. Approve Minutes from Meeting on June 5, 2014:**
David Ballard made the motion to approve the minutes. J.Lynn seconded the motion. All – Aye.
- 4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton: No report today**
- 5. Discussion and/or Action on the recommendation to the council regarding planned improvements at Coates Park.**
 - a. Mayor Earwood requested that we provide the original plans, the Before and the After.**
 - b. Noted: There are pictures of Coates Park (Before and After Project) located in the hallway at the River Oaks Community Center.**

c. James Hatley has been looking for the original plan. He will check with Lori Watson, as she may have a copy of the original plans.

6. Workshop:

I. Plans for planting flowers and bushes this Spring at Lion's Triangle.

a. David Ballard measured the Lion's Triangle upper level area = 448 square feet.

b. Six cubic yards of the crushed decompressed granite, the cost would be approximately \$420.00.

c. David asked James Hatley how much granite would be needed? James said that 4 inches deep would be enough to fill the garden area. (David asked how much heat the granite would give off and if the granite should cover the base of the plants? Mulch should be around the plants/flowers).

d. David Ballard and James Myrick provided pictures of drought tolerate plants and flowers. Some examples are: Red Yucca, Sage and salvia.

e. The Parks Department would use Parks Board funds to purchase plants, flowers, etc...what is needed.

f. We will schedule a workshop for Thursday, 6/12 at 7 pm to meet at Kid's R Luv and go over to Lion's Triangle to decide as a team what is needed.

g. We can present the plan to beautify Lion's Triangle to the City Council at their next Council meeting on 6/24.

h. James Myrick reports that the Lion's Club and the River Oaks Historical Society members are interested in donating some of their funds to the Park Board. They would like to provide funds to install a base for the McGee Park Monument (located near the playground). The existing monument is very low to the ground. The monument would be better displayed with a base under it. Also, a bench to set in front of the monument is needed.

We should invite the Lion's Club Chairman- Randy Hooper to a Parks Board meeting.

We would need to decide if the Public Works employees would install or if we would have the Monument company install the base? This project would be reported in the River Oaks newspaper.

6. II. Tree problems at Coates Park:

a. Discussed under 5 a,b,c

6. III. Street Light over Electric meter or meters at Park Properties:

a. James Hatley reports:

6. III a. 1. One mercury vapor light was replaced with a different type of light. Mercury vapor lights are no longer available.

7. Action, if any, from Workshop:

a. Workshop, 6/12 at 7 pm at Lion's Triangle

8. Committee reports: Discussion of any and all matters relating to all Park Properties.

I. Heritage Park:

a. Donna Brooks worked for 3 hours on 5/31. DB trimmed the overgrowth of vines, bushes, etc.

b. J. Lynn Vandiver placed fertilizer on the rose bushes

c. James Hatley has ordered top soil and will receive the soil the week of 6/9. He will place top soil on the garden areas.

II. Lion's Triangle:

a. Scheduled Special called Meeting. Meet at Kid' s R Luv across from Lion's Triangle on Thursday, 6/12 at 7 pm. We will decide as a team what plants, flowers we will plant to place in the garden area.

b. Keep in mind, we do not want to plant anything that will grow to a tall heighth as we would not want to block Driver's view.

III. Coates Park:

a. See 5 abc

IV. Wooldridge Park:

a. James Hatley has purchased the motion sensor lights

b. James Hatley reports we need a guard light as the existing post is not secure. Jimmy Warriner will provide the 4x4 post needed.

V. McGee Park:

a. The Kickball court is a success.

9. Public Forum:

a. We discussed the possibility of the Soccer Park at St. Elisabeths Church lots

1. There are so many details to consider. We have no answers at this time.

b. Visitors: Sal Limas works at A.D. Cato with Special Education. Jason Martinez is a counselor at Irma Marsh. They are interested in being involved with the Parks Dept planning of special events.

9. b. continued. Sal and Jason would like to be involved in the planning of Special events for the children/young people of River Oaks. They suggested they would like to be including with the Parks Department, regarding the planning of A.V. Cato National Bike Day, a Back to School Bash, fundraising events, etc.

c. James Myrick reported that 88,000 people moved to the Fort Worth area in 2013. 100,000 people moved to Fort Worth in 2012.

d. James Myrick mentioned that Botanic Gardens has classes on planting, etc. if anyone on the Board is interested to call Botanic Gardens.

10. Adjournment:

David motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Donna seconded the motion to adjourn.

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