

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Special Called Meeting (@ Lions Triangle)

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7 pm.

Kids R Love, 1107 Roberts Cut- Off Rd, River Oaks, Texas 76114

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BALLARD, VICE- CHAIR

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, PLACE 2

JUDITH (J. LYNN) VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

STAFF PRESENT:

VISITORS PRESENT:

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

- 1. Call to Order: By VICE-CHAIR – David Ballard at 7:00 pm.**
- 2. Member Roll Call: (MEMBERS - Makarwich, Ballard, Cumberledge, Vandiver, Brooks)**
- 3. Work Session on Lion's Triangle**

GROUND/Lower LEVEL:

- a. South end of the triangle, the Live Oak tree roots are above ground. Top soil is needed to partially cover the roots. Top Soil is also needed for the garden areas.**
- b. Treat for Ants- there is a large ant mound located in the south corner.**
- c. There is a splotchy border of monkey grass. Place brick around the circumference of the garden area. The brick surround would match the existing brick. Ask James Hatley if there is brick available in storage and if his team could install the brick border?**
- d. Ask James Hatley about removing this electric meter located in the center of the lower area? We are not using this meter and most likely are being charged a monthly fee for this meter.* Note: The Sprinkler System is Battery Powered.**
- e. Plant drought tolerant plants and flowers. In the lower level- plant Asian jasmine, purple sage and red salvia.**
- f. Trim the two Live Oak Trees.**

UPPER LEVEL of Lions Triangle:

- a. Ask James Hatley if his employees could remove the three Indian Hawthorne Bushes?**
- b. Ask James Hatley to till up the garden area and place top soil to level the garden (?)**

- c. Ask James Hatley about installing the Fabric Weed Barrier after the garden is tilled(?)
- d. Speak to James Hatley to notify Electric Company to install a Street light to be installed on the pole located on Roberts Cut off. The pole is located almost mid center of the Triangle.
- e. Move the Lion back approximately 4 feet (closer to the flag pole holder). This will create better visibility at this highly travelled area.
- f. Plant flowers and plants that are drought tolerant and low maintenance.
Completing this project would really be beautiful at the Lions Triangle located in the Heart of River Oaks.
- g. The Parks Board will purchase the flowers and plants with funds from our Dollar Fund.
- h. David Ballard the Vice chair plans to contact a representative at the Plant Shed and request samples of the plants/flowers. He will take photos of these plants/flowers and will present to the Council or invite the Council to the Lions Triangle Park.
- i. The Parks Board team plans to complete the planting of the plants and flowers and will need assistance from James Hatley's employees to complete the labor for this Project(?)
- j. We will install Drip Irrigation in order to use less water.
- k. Remove existing grass in upper level.
- l. Clean the Letters River Oaks with Vinegar and repaint the letters with black epoxy paint.
- m. Install/ Mount colored garden accent lights in the trees. (Color?) We would need the help of the city employees to install these garden accent lights in the trees.

10. Adjournment:

Chairman Makarwich motioned the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 pm on Thursday, 6/12.

J. Lynn seconded the motion.

***PARKS DEPARTMENT MEMBERS: SEE THE NEXT PAGE**

Thanks! Donna

RIVER OAKS PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATION to the River Oaks City Council

RE: Lions Triangle

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The River Oaks Parks Board is proposing this recommendation to the City Council:

- 1. It is our ambitious hope and tentative goal to plant a garden at the Lions Triangle located in the Heart of Beautiful River Oaks, Texas. The flowers and plants selected are drought tolerant.**

Noted that :

After the project is completed: there will virtually be no maintenance or mowing. We will use drip irrigation. The water system is battery operated.

- 2. The Parks Department team would like to use money from our Dollar fund to buy the plants, flowers, etc. to buy what is needed to beautify the Lions Triangle Park.**
- 3. The flowers selected for the Upper Level where the Lion is located would be a Patriotic colored theme.**
- 4. Lower Level:
Plant purple sage, red salvia, Asian jasmine and monkey grass.
Ask James Hatley about placing an order to remove the old meter box that we are not using(?)
Ask James Hatley to place an order with the Electric Company install a light at the pole located at the street level on Roberts Cut-Off(?). The pole is located almost mid center of the Lions Triangle.**
- 5. Upper Level:
Move the Lion 4 feet back, to provide better visibility to traffic and the view of the Garden.
Plant Red Yucca plants in the far corners.
Plant/Stagger white Rosemary and blue Lobelia within the entire upper level.
Remove the three Indian Hawthorne bushes - (Ask James Hatley if his employees can remove the bushes with their equipment?)
Plant some Mexican feather grass behind the Lion.
Place four inches of the white crushed granite. We would like to place some colored accent garden lights in the trees and to place these lights would need the help of the City employees.**

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<u>Project Needs</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Charges</u>
1. Red Yucca		
2. Mexican Feather		
3. Asian Jasmine		
4. Monkey Grass		
5. Blue Lobelia		
6. White Rosemary		
7. Purple Sage		
8. Red Salvia		
9. Granite	6 cubic yards	\$420.00
10. Black epoxy paint		
11. Brick		
12. Topsoil		
13. Fabric Cloth weed barrier		
14. Colored Accent lights to place in the trees		
15. Labor by the Members of the Parks Dept. & James Hatley's team		

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