

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Regular Meeting

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

Thursday, September 5, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BALLARD, VICE-CHAIRMAN

JOE ASHTON, COUNCIL LIAISON

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3

J.LYNN VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5- SECRETARY

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

VISITORS

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE (EXCUSED)

CHARLES McCOMB (EXCUSED)

AGENDA

1. Call to Order at 6:32 by CHAIRMAN- Hub Makarwich
2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Ballard, Ashton, Vandiver, Warriner, Brooks).
3. Approved Minutes from Meeting on August 1, 2013.
Chairman Makarwich approved the minutes and Jimmy Warriner - seconded the motion.
All –Aye- minutes approved.
4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton :
 - a. Joe stated that at the last City Council meeting, they discussed security measures for the Parks as well, as the security needed for City Buildings. Council would like to review bids and information concerning installing the security cameras as all City/Park locations should be monitored by the same Company.
 - b. After obtaining the information needed, the City and Parks Board will then determine the responsibility of the monitoring of the cameras.

5. Daniel McLean requesting Parks Board support in Promoting a Skateboard Competition at Wooldridge Park.
 - a. Daniel did not attend the Meeting.

6. Update on Security Cameras for McGee and Wooldridge Parks:
 - a. David Ballard mentioned that the price of the security cameras is approximately \$26,000.00. There is approximately \$3,000- \$4,000 worth of charges annually for repairs due to vandalism, theft, etc. These cameras would be a very large investment. David pointed out the possibility that we could test using some less expensive hardware, before deciding on the security system. The City council would be notified in advance for their authorization regarding the investment/installation of the motion sensor lights and other types of infrared/hunting cameras at Wooldridge Park. The infrared Security cameras cost \$99.00 to \$600.00 each. Motion lights are 32.00 each. A two pack of bulbs = \$10.00.
We would need to buy the covers for these bulbs.
 - b. With the installation of the hunting type of cameras, we would be able to assess the timeframes involved on any criminal mischief. We would notify the Police Dept to schedule patrol at certain times.

7. Update on damage to Heritage Park from the August 30th accident as presented by PWD James Hatley.
 - a. A Citizen had a blackout while driving North on Roberts Cut-off and his car swerved out of control. He is alright. His friend that saw this accident happen, returned while the Police Dept., Hub, James M., James H., were on site surveying the damage and explained to them what had happened and provided the man's insurance information.
 - b. James Hatley is obtaining 3 quotes for the repair/replacement of some of the fencing, the electrical panel, gazebo, timer for water sprinklers, etc.

8. Discussion and/or Action on Signs for rules at McGee Park:
 - a. James Hatley took multiple pictures of signs in nearby Parks and provided copies of the signs and the verbiage to the Parks Board

9. Updates on building maintenance requests:
 - a. Jimmy and Hub had recently noticed the east ramp damage at Wooldridge that James Hatley had recently reported to the Parks Board- This ramp has been damaged and repaired twice and to replace the parts it would cost would be \$600.00.
 - b. Jimmy said he would check the damage and try to repair the ramp if possible.
 - c. Wooldridge Park- the drainage is washed out and has been holding water. Jimmy advised it would be a good idea to pour some cement on the rocks and this would resolve the drainage issue.

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

Heritage Park:

- a. James Hatley will provide updates regarding the repairs of the Park due to the 8/30 accident.
- b. James H. mentioned that it would be a great idea to add lighting for the illumination of the Brick " Welcome to River Oaks" sign in the evenings.

Lion Triangle:

Note: We still need to replace the dead bushes that were dug up recently. We need to determine what type of bushes should be planted? Vote on type of new bushes and to obtain and plant the new bushes. David, Vice- Chair reports that the landscaping looks like a Jack o 'lantern and it is not Halloween. James Myrick will check Garden books to confirm what drought resistant, evergreen plants would be available and will present this information at the next meeting.

Coates Park:

Looks Good

****Wooldridge Park (see 6 a & b)****

Note: The Parks Dept will meet with the Managers from Hobby Town on Sunday, 9/15 at 10 am(Special Called Meeting) to discuss all details.

The Parks Board will present this projected Event to the City Council.

We would like to schedule the Event for Mid October, 2013.

We tentatively plan to meet again at Wooldridge on or about Sunday, 9/29.

"PROMOTE THE PARKS PROJECT"

In anticipation of River Oaks young people/ families becoming more involved with the Parks and responsible Citizens of the City.

- a. David and James M. went to Hobby Town recently, to discuss with the Asst. Manager regarding if their racing car group would still be interested in sponsoring a REMOTE CONTROL Event at Wooldridge Bike Park?
- b. The Asst Mgr was thrilled to attend and sponsor the Event. The standard racing day is on Sundays.
- c. The racing car group said they would be happy to take care of contouring the hill, spraying water on the track. Set up, clean up, etc.
- d. Anticipated timeframe for being on site at Wooldridge 8-5.
- e. We discussed an entry fee(\$5.00 - \$10.00) for the participants to pay. Entry fee money collected would go toward the Parks fund. Spectators would not be charged.

f. These are battery operated cars, so we may need a generator. We do have a 20 amp power pole with two dedicated circuits. How many cars can you charge at a time?

g. Parking must be considered

h. EDC- Star Telegram- Events to advertise or advertising in any other newspaper (River Oaks News?)

Printing up Flyers or Banners?

i. James Myrick can provide some Orange netting.


j. Refreshments? Cost?

11.Public Forum:

Hub told James Hatley that he has 3 pipes that he would give to the City if they can use the pipes.

12.Adjournment:

Hub motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10. Donna seconded the motion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hatley", followed by a long horizontal line and a large, stylized flourish.

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