

**Minutes of the River Oaks Parks Board
City Hall Jury Room
Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:30 pm.
4900 River Oaks Blvd. River Oaks, Texas 76114**

Members Present

Hub Makarwich, Chairman
David Ballard, Vice-Chair, Place 3
Jimmy Warriner, Place 3
Donna Brooks, Place 5, Secretary
J. Lynn Vandiver, Alternate 1
Jason Martinez, Place 2
Sal Limas, Alternate 2

Staff Present

Marvin Gregory, City Secretary
Gordon Smith, Public Wks. Director
Steve Sanders, City Inspector

Visitors

James Myrick, Citizen

Members Absent

Joe Ashton –Council Liaison (Excused)

1. Call to Order: Chairman Makarwich called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Member Roll Call: Makarwich, Ballard, Warriner, Brooks, Vandiver, Martinez and Limas.
3. Statement of Appointed Official and oath of Office for the 2016 Board Appointments 2016 (Jason Martinez, Place 2 and Sal Limas, Alternate #2. City Secretary, Marvin officiated over both Martinez and Limas as they took the oath.
4. Approve the Board minutes of August 4, 2016.
Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to accept the minutes. J. Lynn motioned to approve. Warriner seconded the motion.
5. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton
No action
6. Introduction of the City's new Public Works Director, Gordon Smith.
 - a. Gordon recently met with Hub Makarwich and James Myrick concerning the water/wastewater infrastructure goal.
 - b. Gordon is researching chemicals to use that would be an environmentally safe approach to treat the wire weed grass in the parks.

- c. Gordon reports his last positions he worked as Senior Director at Burkburnett and also in Aledo.

7. Discussion and/ or action on Lowe's Heroes project at McGee Park as presented by Steve Sanders.

- a. The dug out near the bleachers was expanded to improve access.
- b. Allowance of \$2500.00 (actually spent a total of \$3500.00). Twelve Lowe's employees donated their time for 4 days. The bleachers and concession stand was sanded and painted. The basketball courts were painted. A new hoop was installed.

Noted that all lights are working on the fields, with the exception of the security lights. The Electric company will soon repair these lights.

8. Consider approval of Parks expenditure of the dollar donations for McGee new Park Scoreboards and a new dirt grader for maintaining the ball fields.

- a. Chairman Makarwich has the copies of the new grader info. The cost is approximately \$1450.00.

Noted that the existing dirt grader is eight years old and is not functioning properly. The John Deere tractor the city owns is old and would cost too much money to repair.

- b. Chairman Makarwich reports that new scoreboards would cost approximately \$10,590.00. Maroon scoreboards with LED lighting is preferred.

Noted that the existing scoreboard at McGee Park is from 1977. The parts to repair it are no longer available.

- d. A company in Haltom City charges \$10,600.00 for two signs. This company will build and service the new scoreboards. There is a two year warranty on the installment, manufacturing and parts. (There is existing electrical wiring for the new signs).
- e. If the project is approved tonight, the goal would be to have new score boards manufactured and installed by March 2017, when the baseball season begins.

Noted that LYSA is on year three of a five year contract.

- f. Chairman Makarwich made the motion to approve the total amount for this project of approximately \$13,000.00. Martinez seconded the motion. All – Aye. The motion carried.

9. Discussion and/or Action regarding the Skate Park and BMX Trail (Wooldridge Park)

a. Vice- Chair Ballard proposed giving Wooldridge Park back to the City and possibly using the lot behind the Closed Super Save store as a Picnic Area?

b. Gordon replied that this lot is zoned as commercial property. This area is needed by the City as a storage area.

c. Member Martinez asked if there is a lot available to build a Youth Recreation Center?

d. Member Limas asked how much it cost annually to maintain Wooldridge Park?

e. Vice- Chair Ballard asked if the Parks Dept could write up a proposal to remove the equipment from the Skate park, and present the proposal to the City?

f. Chairman Makarwich wondered if this area could be used to place angled parking Ball park spaces in that area located at Glenwick and Thurston?

Steve Sanders was concerned about the traffic and safety of the citizens crossing that street. If speed bumps were placed in the road, that would still be a liability issue.

- g. Vice – Chair Ballard asked if grants would be available for a Parks Master plan project? Gordon replied that he will research and present a plan at the next Parks Board meeting on December 1, 2016.

10. Committee Reports on all Parks

A. Heritage Park

1. Donna asked if Lowes Heroes Project still included the originally proposed changes? Steve Sanders said he did not think so, but that he will check into this.

2. Concern that the sprinkler system did not work and Heritage Park was not watered in the Summer of 2016.

B. Lion's Triangle

1. Discussed briefly placing some Christmas lights in the trees. No action

C. Coates Park

1. Sprinkler system has not worked in two years.

2. Member Martinez asked about the possibility of placing a sign that lights up "Welcome to River Oaks"... No action taken at this time.

D. Wooldridge Park

1. Previously discussed in item #7

E. McGee Park

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11. Adjournment

Chairman Makarwich adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.



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