

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

City Hall Jury Room

4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114

Thursday, 11/6/2014

Members Present:

Hub Makarwich, Chairman

Joe Ashton, Council Liaison

Norma Cumberland, Place 2

Jason Martinez, Alternate 1

Donna Brooks, Place 5- Secretary

Staff Present:

James Hatley, Public Works Director

Visitors:

James Myrick, Citizen

Anthony Torres, Citizen

Absent:

J.Lynn Vandiver, Alt.1 ( Excused)

David Ballard, Vice Chairman ( did not request excused)

Jimmy Warriner ( did not request excused)

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm
2. Member Roll Call: ( Makarwich, Ashton, Cumberland, Martinez, Brooks)
3. Approve Minutes of the October 9, 2014 meeting- Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to approve the minutes. Norma seconded the motion. All- Aye
4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton- Joe thanked all the members and visitors for their service.
5. Discussion and/ or Action on the recommendation to the council regarding planned improvements of Coates Park.
  - a. City Secretary, Marvin Gregory mailed the letter to the Coates Park Street residents regarding anticipated workshop at the Park. At this time, no one has notified Chairman Makarwich or Marvin with any questions.
  - b. Chairman Makarwich will document questions for the City Council to give us direction regarding the trimming, possible relocating of the trees to other City Parks or auctioning of some of the trees at Coates Park.
6. Workshop:
  - I. Lion's Triangle Improvements:
    - a. Thanks to Chairman Makarwich and Jimmy Warriner and other board members that recently installed the brick border around the lower perimeter of the garden.

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- b. Thanks to James Hatley's team for placing the topsoil in the garden and for the other details completed on this recent project!
- c. We still do need the area to be irrigated, need a faucet installed..  
Possible expenses – soaker hoses, water faucet, battery operated timer.
- II. Tree Problems at Coates Park- previously discussed, item #5.
  - a. We do need to schedule a workshop after receiving direction from the City Council (sometime in January or February).
- III. Street Light over electric meter or meters at park properties.
  - a. James Hatley reports this work has been completed. All lights are illuminating.
- 7. Action, if any from Workshop
  - a. We will not be meeting in December, unless a special called workshop is scheduled.
- 8. Committee reports: Discussion of any and all matters relating to all Park properties.
  - I. Heritage Park
    - a. James Hatley's team will place topsoil in the garden areas
  - II. Lion's Triangle
    - a. Previously discussed. The Triangle looks good!
  - III. Coates Park
    - a. Upcoming project as previously discussed
  - IV. Wooldridge Park
    - a. We discussed at length the ongoing vandalism issues at the Skate Park. We decided that having more lighting installed will deter some negative activity.
    - b. Chairman Makarwich and Citizen Myrick will determine the best area to have a light pole installed
    - c. We will need to notify the residents in this area in advance of installing any lighting.
    - d. James Hatley reported he will notify our electricity rep regarding providing an estimate for this scope of work. Shields would also be needed over the lighting.
    - e. James Hatley is excited that soon an Advisory Youth Council will be available and he will provide more information in the upcoming future.
  - V. McGee Park  
N/A at this time

PUBLIC FORUM:

We discussed the upcoming holidays and events. The upcoming Christmas party, Christmas parade and walk/fun run.

We agreed we would not have our Parks Board Meeting in December ( December4).

- 9. Adjournment – Chairman Makarwich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Donna Brooks seconded the motion.

