

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, 4/2 at 6:30 pm

City Hall Jury Room located at: 4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Tx 76114

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

JOE ASHTON, Council- Liaison

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3

JUDITH-LYNN VANDIVER, Alternate 1

JASON MARTINEZ

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

Public Works Director- James Hatley

VISITORS:

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

JIM BYROM, CITIZEN (ROHS)

JOE CREWS, CITIZEN (ROHS)

MEMBERS ABSENT

DAVID BALLARD (Excused)

NORMA Cumberledge(Excused)

- 1. Call to Order: By Chairman Makarwich at 6:33 pm**
- 2. Member Roll Call: (MEMBERS - Makarwich, Warriner , Ashton, Vandiver, Martinez, Brooks).**
- 3. Approve Minutes of March 12, 2015 meeting**
Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to accept the 3/12/15 minutes. Warriner seconded the motion. All – Aye.
- 4. Report from Council Liaison- Joe Ashton- Thank You all for your service to the community.**
- 5. Approval of Request by Jim Byrom, President of the River Oaks Historical Society to make improvements to the (Lt. James David McGee) McGee Monument at McGee Park through Historical Society funds.**

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- a. **The Monument is located at the corner of Thurston and Greenbrier. The monument was presented November, 1986 by BSA Troop 143.**
 - b. **The Parks board members discussed with Jim Byrom and Joe Crews regarding the raising of the monument by at least 18 inches with a concrete base stamped like bricks or some type of platform. James Myrick knows a vendor that does this type of work.**
 - c. **Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to encourage the Historical Society members to present the Project. Martinez made the motion and Vandiver seconded the motion. All- Aye.**
 - d. **Historical Society President: James Byrom said that he and Joe Crews will go to the site of the Monument and will complete a proposal to present to the Board in June 2015.**
 - e. **James Hatley said the Public Works department would present the proposal to the City Council.**
 - f. **Jim Byrom mentioned that the Historical Society is interested in holding some type of Fundraiser to enable them as representatives of River Oaks, to place a Lion's Club Flag, the Symbols of the 5 Armed Services in a Gazebo and would want this in an illuminated area at one of the Parks. He would like a special area to honor Vietnam and other war veterans.
He mentioned the possible choice for this location would be either McGee, Skate Park or Coates Park. This could be a community activity for the Lion's Club, Historical Society and Parks Department members.**
6. **Discussion and/or action on preventative maintenance plans of the BMX Trail located on Wooldridge Park at 4901 Lawther Drive.**
 - a. **James Hatley stated that in order to maintain the area, his work team uses two loads of dirt. They must remove the grass growing in the dirt and then pack the dirt. James is keeping records of the cost and man power hours.**
 7. **Discussion and/or Action on the recommendation to the council regarding planned improvements at Coates Park.**

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- a. Jimmy Warriner assisted City employees recently in trimming the trees and bushes. Jimmy said the width of the leaf span of the Oaks still need some trimming.
 - b. The area needs fertilized and treated for Ants.
 - c. The Parks Department member will return to Coates Park to assess the area.
8. **Committee Reports: Discussion of any and all other matters relating to all Park Properties.**
- I. **Heritage Park:**
 - a. Warriner placed the paver stones back the way they should be
 - b. The Rose bushes need trimmed.
 - II. **Lion Triangle:**
 - a. David Ballard is going to present plan and cost to complete project at Lion Triangle (Planting of more greenery, plants, and flowers).
 - III. **Coates Park:**
 - a. Previously discussed (7 a-d.)
 - IV. **Wooldridge Park:**
 - a. James Hatley will mow the area this week
 - b. The dirt packer needs to be repaired. They will place more stabilizing clay red dirt in area.
 - V. **McGee Park:**
 - a. Opening Day at the BALL Park was a success
Noted that Susan Stewart at City Hall has the game schedules
9. **Public Forum:**
River Oaks Annual Clean- up Day will be Saturday, April 25 at the John Knox Church.
10. **Adjournment:**
Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm on 4/2/2015. Warriner motioned and Martinez seconded the motion.

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