

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, March 6, 2014

5300 Blackstone Drive In River Oaks, Texas

Members Present:

Hub Makarwich, Chairman

David Ballard, Vice-Chair

Joe Ashton, Council Liaison

J.Lynn Vandiver, Alternate 1

Donna Brooks, Place 5 Secretary

Staff Present:

Marvin Gregory - City Secretary

Fabian Nethery - City Code Enforcer

Visitors Present:

James Myrick

Absent:

Jimmy Warriner, Place 3- Excused

Norma Cumberledge, Place 2- Excused

James Hatley- Public Works Director- Excused

Charles McComb – Alternate 2 – Excused

AGENDA:

- 1. Call to Order: Chairman Makarwich called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.**
- 2. Member Roll Call: Makarwich, Ballard, Ashton, Vandiver, Brooks**
- 3. Approve the Minutes from the meeting on February 6, 2014: J. Lynn Approved, Chairman Makarwich seconded the motion.**
- 4. Report from Joe Ashton: He thanked the members for their service to the City.**
- 5. Consider approval of scheduling for the 2014 LYSA Spring and Fall Baseball and Softball Field Agreement.**
 - a. Chairman Makarwich spoke with Mike Vargas. He will meet with Vargas on Friday, 3/7. Mike will present the LYSA schedule to Chairman Makarwich by 3/7, to comply with the Parks Department's request. Parks Members will review , approve and present the schedule to the City Council for final approval.**
- 6. Update on timeline for workers to take care of issues at Heritage Park.**
 - a. Fabian Nethery reports the water is still turned off. Fabian advised that a freeze could be possible as late as April 13.**
- 7. Discussion and/ or Action on Motion Sensors- pricing, status and neighbor authorization.**
 - a. David Ballard announced that James Hatley is going to provide the pricing for motion sensors. David reports that this would be an inexpensive test method to deter the vandals, as opposed to Security systems that would cost \$\$\$.**

8. Workshop:

a. Plans for planting flowers and bushes this Spring at the Lions Triangle

1. David Ballard requested that the County Agent check the dirt quality and for "zero-scaping" near concrete.
2. James Myrick advised that the members check out the "Smart- Scape website".
3. Marvin Gregory said he would make copies of the Smart- Scape website and send a copy to the park board members.
4. Organize a Special meeting work date to assess what needs to be taken care of at all Parks.

b. Tree Problems at Coates Park

1. The Chinese pistachio trees are crowding / stunting the growth of the Oak trees.

c. Street Light over electric meter or meters at park properties – (Mc Gee Park).

1. There are two lights above the breaker box/meter(s) – Lone Star Electric is to take care of this issue, including some of the field lights that are pointed in the wrong direction.

Fabian Nethery will check into this ongoing issue with the lights. Lights are 40 ft. high. Noted that Keith Steele has a lift truck. On the large field at 1st base, the security light has not worked in 4 years.

2. The guard light in front of the concession stand are not illuminating. Marvin Gregory will check on these issues on 3/7. The street light behind the home plate on the Big Field – the breaker was off. After turning the breaker on, it was found that one of the lights do not illuminate.

d. Recommendation to City Council considering again the sale of Lydick Park

1. Marvin Gregory stated that Lydick Park, as well as Schieffer Park will be on the May 10, 2014 election ballot. Voters must approve for these parks to be sold.

9. Action, if any from Workshop :

- a. We will meet at 9 am on Saturday, 3/15 at Chairman Makarwich's Day Care. The address is :1101 Roberts Cut-off Road, to assess what work needs to be done at all parks.

10. Updates on all building maintenance requests:

a. Marvin Gregory discussed the restrooms issue at McGee Park – both restrooms were recently vandalized.

1. The partition wall in the Men's restroom was torn down.
2. The locks/door jambs were compromised between the brick/steel.
3. Issues have been repaired.
4. Noted that Marvin Gregory will notify the Police Dept to complete additional drive bys in this area of McGee Park. Marvin stated the Public Works Director could change the 10:30 closing time of the restrooms.
5. The City employees have cleaned up all the leaves at McGee Park.
6. There is an ongoing issue with cigar and cigarette butts at all parks, especially at McGee.

7. McGee Park – issues with the fencing at the small ball field. Fencing needs to be fastened to the poles and some of the gates need adjusted.

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

1. Fabian – the Code Enforcement Officer – reports that at the BMX Trail- three of the large rocks were removed . The pvc and electrical panel were removed. The cage area needs repair. There is constant debris under the cage area.
2. Fabian reports - We need a guard light under the ramp.
3. Fabian reports that they have used weed inhibitor and filled in all ruts at the BMX Trail.
4. Heritage Park, Lions Triangle, Coates Park, Wooldridge Park and McGee Park.
 - a. Workshop due date is 3/15 at 9 am - to assess all parks

12. Public Forum:

13. Adjournment:

Chairman Makarwich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm on 3/6/2014. Donna Brooks seconded the motion.

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