

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

Thursday, 5/7/2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

JOE ASHTON, Council- Liaison

J.LYNN VANDIVER, Alternate 1

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE, Place 2

JASON MARTINEZ, Alternate 2

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

JAMES HATLEY, Public Works Director

VISITORS:

JAMES MYRICK, Citizen

Ruby Ashton, Citizen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

DAVID BALLARD, Vice-Chair- Excused

JIMMY WARRINER, Place - Excused

1. Call to Order by Chairman Makarwich at 6:35 pm.
2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Vandiver, Martinez, Cumberledge, Ashton, Brooks).
3. Approve Minutes of the Thursday, April 2 meeting:
Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to approve the minutes. Jason Martinez seconded the motion. All – Aye.
4. Report from Council Liaison - Joe Ashton – no reports at this time.
5. Discussion and/or action on preventative maintenance plans of the BMX Trail located on Wooldridge Park at 4901 Lawther Drive.
 - a. James Hatley is keeping a daily report and will determine the monthly cost involved and will provide a report.
 - b. There has been recent issues of graffiti and equipment being moved. Children/young people are at the park during the days and also late at night.
 - c. James Hatley has not turned on the sprinklers as it has rained almost every day for the last two months.
6. Discussion and/or Action on purchasing and erecting a placard in appreciation to CISD for donating playground equipment to the City as presented by Member, Norma Cumberledge.
 - a. Norma asked James Hatley if he knows of a trophy company that could make the placard/sign? James Hatley said he would check his information and update her.
 - b. James Myrick wanted to know the approximate size needed and what detail would be on the placard/sign?

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James Myrick reports that Wesley makes signs that are cut out of steel that look nice and are inexpensive. James Myrick asked if we would be hanging the sign/placard in the Administration building ?

- c. Norma said she would like to place the sign/placard near the playground equipment located at McGee Park. Norma stated the sign should read something to the effect: IN APPRECIATION TO THE CASTLEBERRY ISD for donating the Elementary school ground equipment and state the date. (Approximately, June 2013). James Hatley will confirm the exact date.
 - d. Norma stated that at the next meeting, she will provide the exact verbiage for the sign.
 - e. Chairman Makarwich advised that the park board members visit the site and determine a good site for the sign/placard.
7. Committee Reports: Discussion of any and all other matters relating to all Park Properties.
- I. Heritage Park
 - a. Park grounds need fertilized and to be treated for ants.
 - b. Donna asked all board members and citizens if they would be available in May to hold a work day at Heritage. Everyone's schedule is very busy at this time.
 - c. We discussed that the empty flower beds should have some type of flower or plants . We will discuss at the next meeting
 - II. Lion's Triangle
 - a. J. Lynn asked when will we decide and plant some ground cover in the empty beds?
 - b. Chairman Makarwich said he thinks the area looks good as it is.
 - III. Coates Park
 - a. Area needs fertilizer and to be treated for ants
 - IV. Wooldridge Park
 - a. James Hatley reports the skate ramp on the east end has been replaced several times due to being damaged. The safety of the ramp has been compromised. James Hatley will check into the cost to have steel safety backing installed on the ramp.
 - b. The ramp has large bolts in them. Some bolts have been removed. James Hatley will check into how many bolts must remain intact before the equipment is altered as not safe.
 - c. Norma asked if we could move the ramps to another area so that they would not be so hidden from the road?
 - d. Jason Martinez presented an idea that he would like to plan an event at the Skate park. He will speak with his students and ask if they would be interested in an event? He would like to raise public awareness so that the young people would hopefully be more involved and interested in preserving and using the park. Chairman Makarwich said there could be a question of liability in holding a public event
 1. We would need sponsors, judges, parent's waiver of liability, food, drinks, volunteers, prizes, etc.
 2. Norma, J. Lynn and Donna advised that they would be interested in volunteering for such an event.
 3. Jason will research and present his ideas at a future meeting.

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V. McGee Park

- a. James Hatley reports that recently he was checking the concession stand. Inside the wiring was melted (RESULT of the recent storms). An Electrician was on site 5/7 to repair the wiring.
- b. James Hatley stated there has been no recent vandalism, graffiti or damage to the buildings at McGee park recently!

8. PUBLIC FORUM

No

9. Hub entertained the motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm on 5/7/2015. J. Lynn seconded the motion.
All- Aye

Hub M. Lynn 6-4-15