

Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board

City Hall Jury Room

Thursday, October 1, at 6:30 pm.

4900 River Oaks Blvd, River Oaks, Texas 76114

MEMBERS PRESENT:

HUB MAKARWICH, CHAIRMAN

DAVID BALLARD, VICE- CHAIR

DONNA BROOKS, PLACE 5 - SECRETARY

JOE ASHTON, COUNCIL LIAISON

JUDITH (J. LYNN) VANDIVER, ALTERNATE 1

JASON MARTINEZ, ALTERNATE 2

STAFF PRESENT:

Fabian Nethery w/Public Works

Daniel Blankenship w/ Public Wks

VISITORS PRESENT:

JAMES MYRICK, CITIZEN

SAL LIMAS, CITIZEN

ABSENT

JIMMY WARRINER, PLACE 3- Excused

NORMA CUMBERLEDGE- Resigned

- 1. Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN – Hub Makarwich at 6:31 pm.**
- 2. Member Roll Call: (MEMBERS - Makarwich, Vandiver, Brooks, Martinez, Ballard & Ashton)**
- 3. Approve Minutes from the September 10 meeting- Chairman Makarwich made the motion to approve the 9/10/15 minutes. J.Lynn seconded the motion. All – Aye**
- 4. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton- no report**
- 5. Discussion and/or action on preventative maintenance plans of the BMX Trail located on Wooldridge Park at 4901 Lawther Drive**
 - a. Fabian Nethery reports a change in staffing. Also, newhire Cassie is working on a total vegetation kill process for killing weeds in the parks.**

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The City workers are using vinegar to kill weeds in areas where the younger children play.

- b. Fabian reports ongoing issues with having to remove graffiti, older young people are taking the equipment including the bolts and the rails.
 - c. Fabian reports the weeds at Wooldridge were recently treated, area was mowed and trash was picked up.
6. Discussion and/or Action on installing a placard at McGee Park in appreciation to CISD for donating the playground equipment to the City.
- a. Tuesday, September 16, Chairman Makarwich and Member Jimmy Warriner installed the "In Appreciation" placard at McGee Park. The placard was placed on the wall facing the playground equipment near the mechanical room and the restroom doors.
 - b. Fabian made note that Norma asked that the doors be painted, as the paint on the doors is chipped.
 - c. Secretary, Donna Brooks read Norma Cumberledge's resignation letter dated Wednesday, 9/30/2015 at 11:45 pm. (Norma sent this email to all Members).
 - d. Norma noted that Sal Limas has submitted his application, to City Secretary, Marvin (to be on the Parks Board). Norma asked that we consider Sal for her previous position on the Park Board, which is PLACE 3.
 - e. Sal's application must be approved by the City Council, before the Parks Board Members can make the motion to accept his request to be a Parks Board Member.
7. Discussion and/or Action on Wooldridge Park Bench
- a. Norma had also noted in the resignation letter that the family of Elmer Wooldridge has requested consideration RE: for a Bench and marker be placed in honor of Elmer. Mr. Wooldridge's daughters had placed this request.
 - b. We all agreed that a Bench/marker, would be a very nice gesture in honoring Mr. Wooldridge. We all discussed the issue of the ongoing issue of vandalization of the Wooldridge Skate Parks amenities. The Parks Board Members are concerned that the bench and marker would be damaged without anyone ever having time to enjoy. Fabian with the Public Works department mentioned it may be a better and safer idea, to

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dedicate and place a bench in honor of Mr. Wooldridge at another area in the City. We have placed this request on the agenda for further discussion.

1. Chairman Makarwich mentioned that at least 10 angled parking spaces are needed at the Glenwick entrance at Wooldridge.
 - a. Fabian Nethery will ask a company for an estimate on what it would cost to complete approximately 10 parking spaces and curbs and will supply this information in the very near future.
2. Regarding Norma Cumberlandge's resignation:
 - a. Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to accept Norma's resignation. Vice- Chair David Ballard regretfully seconded the motion. All – Aye.
 - b. Thank You! Norma for your Excellent participation and support. Norma has been an invaluable Board member!
3. Lion's Triangle:
 - a. Vice-chairman David asked if we are interested in planting flowers, etc. for the winter at the Lion's Triangle?
 - b. Secretary, Donna mentioned it would be very pretty and festive to have twinkle lights placed on the trees and place some poinsettias in the flower gardens after Thanksgiving and before the Christmas Parade.
 - c. Fabian will ask Marvin about decorating Lion's Triangle for the Holiday season?
 - d. James Hatley and Fabian's workers would need advanced notice but would be available to buy and complete the installation of lights and poinsettias!
4. Wooldridge Ball Park
 - a. Chairman Makarwich reports there are mounds on both the ball fields . The area is located from third base to first base that really needs to be levelled, in order to divert water from the ball field. Fabian said he will check into this request and will provide an update.
5. Heritage Park
 - a. Chairman Makarwich placed the request for the City workers to place weed killer around the curbs/street curbs on both sides of the street.

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***PLEASE NOTE: FABIAN reports that the water, at all Parks has been turned off at this time due to EXCESSIVE City water charges. This issue is being investigated*.**

8. Public Forum:

- a. The next City Council meeting is 10/13/2015.**
- b. Vice- Chairman David asked that Donna send the Members phone numbers to everyone on the Board. Donna did send this information on 10/13/15 at 10:09 am**
- c. The Parks Board Members agreed that we would postpone the December 3, 2015 meeting. We will meet again on Thursday, January 7, 2016.**
- d. The River Oaks Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 4, 2015**
- e. Member, Jason Martinez, reminded us that the: Stuff the Stocking Fun Run sponsored by Panera Bread is Saturday, December 5, 2015. Santa will be there! Jason is the Chairman of this event. The location will be at Merritt and Barbara Rd.**

9. Adjournment:

Chairman Makarwich entertained the motion to adjourn at 7:26 pm on 10/1/2015. J. Lynn seconded the motion. All - Aye


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