

**Minutes of the River Oaks Park Board**

**City Hall Jury room**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm.**

**4900 River Oaks Blvd., River Oaks, Tx 76114**

**Members Present:**

Hub Makarwich, Chairman

David Ballard, Vice- Chair

Joe Ashton, Council Liaison

Jimmy Warriner, Place 3

Jason Martinez, Place 2

Donna Brooks, Place 5 -Secretary

New Member- Sal Limas- Alternate 2

**Staff Present:**

Marvin Gregory- City Secretary

**Visitors Present:**

James Myrick, Citizen

**Members Absent:**

J. Lynn Vandiver, Alt.1- Excused

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Makarwich called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

**2. Member Roll Call: (Makarwich, Ballard, Warriner, Ashton, Brooks, Martinez and Limas).**

**3. Approve the Minutes of October 1, 2015: Warriner made the motion to approve the minutes. Makarwich seconded the motion to accept the minutes. All-Aye.**

**4. Statement of appointed Official and Oath of Office:**

a. City Secretary, Marvin Gregory presided over the oath and swearing in of Jason

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Martinez - Place 2.

b. City Secretary, Marvin Gregory resided over the oath and swearing in of Sal Limas - Alternate 2.

5. Report from Council Liaison Joe Ashton- Joe thanked all the members for their service to the City.

6. Discussion and/or Action on preventative maintenance plans of the BMX Trail located at Wooldridge Park at 4901 Lawther Drive.

a. Warriner asked Marvin Gregory if we can request deposits in the future for individual teams, such as the Kickball team, etc. (Not LYSA), because of the ongoing issues with these teams not cleaning up the area after use? Warriner asked if we could have copies of the rental agreements, so that we can proofread the details on the consent forms. We would like to know what the leasee are responsible for and add the detail that a deposit is required and note that the area must be left clean and the area will be inspected, etc. before the deposit will be returned to the leasee.

b. Marvin Gregory will provide the Parks Board members with the requested information.

c. Chairman Makarwich asked Marvin Gregory to provide a monthly report for this year concerning the monthly maintenance charges for the BMX Trail and the Skate Park. Due to all the rain we have experienced this past year, there have been loads of the red dirt delivered. The manpower, cost of the dirt, use of the front loader adds up to substantial charges in upkeep for a park that is seldom used.

d. Members Limas and Martinez asked if there would be an alternate use for the BMX Trail and Skate Park land?

e. The BMX Trail and Skate Parks area is "off the beaten path", which leads to destruction, vandalism and unethical activity. We all agreed these two parks should be closed

f. The Parks Board members discussed other possibilities for Wooldridge Park? By saving the maintenance cost -would it be possible to plan for an indoor Basketball court? (We would then need to hire a Recreational Director). Other ideas included opening a Dog Park, having an outdoor basketball court...

g. Vice-Chair David Ballard will speak at length, with Marvin Gregory and Mayor Earwood about the issues with Wooldridge Park and will provide an update.

7. Discussion and/or Action on installing the placard in Appreciation to CISD for donating the playground equipment and installing the placard.

a. This Project was completed on September 16, 2015.

8. Discussion and/or Action on Wooldridge Park Bench:

a. The bench would need to be indestructible if placed at Wooldridge Park.

9. Public Forum:

a. The Parks Board will not decorate Lion's Triangle with Christmas lights.

b. The Parks Board will not be meeting December 3. We will meet again on Thursday, January 7, 2016.

c. Friday, December 4, 2015 is the River Oaks Christmas parade.

d. Saturday, December 5, 2015 - Stuff the Stocking Fun Run.

e. Friday, December 11, 2015 - City Employees/Parks Board Christmas party at 7 pm at the River Oaks Community Center.

10. Adjourn:

Chairman Makarwich made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Joe Ashton seconded the motion.

